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REPORT

[To accompany S. 1019]

The Committee on Appropriations reports the bill (S. 1019) making appropriations for the legislative branch for the fiscal year ending September 30, 1998, and for other purposes, reports favorably thereon and recommends that the bill do pass.

Amount of new budget (obligational) authority

Amount of bill as reported to Senate	\$1,537,827,000
President's budget, 1998	1,602,774,000
Legislative branch appropriations, 1997	1,486,227,000
Amount of bill below President's budget	64,947,000
Amount of bill above legislative branch appropriations, 1997	51,600,000

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GENERAL STATEMENT AND SUMMARY

The Committee recommends new budget (obligational authority) of \$1,537,827,000 for the legislative branch, exclusive of House items, for fiscal year 1998. This total is \$64,947,000 below the President's request and \$51,600,000 above the fiscal year 1997 level.

The Senate recognizes the need to continue to find savings within the legislative branch to contribute toward deficit reduction and the goal of a balanced budget by the year 2002. The entire bill, including the House provisions as passed by the House subcommittee would result in an overall increase of 3.7 percent over the fiscal year 1997 funding level.

The Architect of the Capitol testified before the Senate and House Appropriations Committees to the urgent need to address many of the capital maintenance projects which fall within his responsibility. The Committee is concerned that a delay in addressing those problems would result in additional unnecessary costs in the future. Therefore, the Committee recommends funding for approximately 80 percent of the Architect's request for new capital projects.

The fiscal year 1998 budget resolution contained a provision increasing the agency matching requirement for employee retirement benefits. This increase was not anticipated by the agencies and was not included in their budget submissions. Should this provision become law, the Committee is prepared to reprogram funds within an agency to address any shortfall within their salaries budget.

In order to adequately meet the funding needs of the agencies and offices, it is imperative that during the appropriations process the Committee has full access to the agencies budget officers and their resources. Although most of the offices have provided their full cooperation, agencies heads are advised that the Committee expects all budget officers to be available during the process in the future.

The detail by major support agency is as follows:

SUMMARY OF THE BILL

Department or agency	1997 appropriation	Budget estimates, 1998	Committee recommendation	Senate bill compared with—	
				1997 appropriation	Budget estimates 1998
TITLE I—CONGRESSIONAL OPERATIONS					
Senate ¹	\$441,208,000	\$487,850,000	\$460,622,000	+\$19,414,000	—\$27,228,000
Joint Items	88,581,000	92,306,000	91,904,000	+ 3,323,000	— 402,000
Office of Compliance	2,609,000	2,600,000	2,600,000	— 9,000	.....
Congressional Budget Office	24,532,000	24,995,000	24,995,000	+ 463,000	.....
Architect of the Capitol	108,118,000	134,474,000	130,324,000	+ 22,206,000	— 4,150,000
Library of Congress: Congressional Research Service	62,641,000	66,830,000	65,134,000	+ 2,493,000	— 1,696,000
Congressional printing and binding, Government Printing Office	81,669,000	84,025,000	82,269,000	+ 600,000	— 1,756,000
Total, title I, Congressional operations	809,358,000	893,080,000	857,848,000	+ 48,490,000	— 35,232,000
TITLE II—OTHER AGENCIES					
Botanic Garden	36,402,000	11,662,000	3,228,000	— 33,174,000	— 8,434,000
Library of Congress (except CRS)	269,117,000	290,376,000	286,224,000	+ 17,107,000	— 4,152,000
Architect of the Capitol (Library buildings and grounds)	9,753,000	15,755,000	14,699,000	+ 4,946,000	— 1,056,000
Government Printing Office (except congressional printing and binding)	29,077,000	30,477,000	29,077,000	.....	— 1,400,000
General Accounting Office	332,520,000	361,424,000	346,751,000	+ 14,231,000	— 14,673,000
Total, title II, Other agencies	676,869,000	709,694,000	679,979,000	+ 3,110,000	— 29,715,000
Grand total	1,486,227,000	1,602,774,000	1,537,827,000	+ 51,600,000	— 64,947,000

¹ Budget amendment pending.

TITLE I—CONGRESSIONAL OPERATIONS

SENATE

EXPENSE ALLOWANCES

Appropriations, 1997	\$56,000
Budget estimate, 1998	56,000
Committee recommendation	56,000

The Committee recommends an appropriation of \$56,000 for the expense allowances of the Vice President, the President pro tempore of the Senate, the majority and minority leaders, the majority and minority whips, and the chairmen of the majority and minority conference committees, as follows:

For the expense allowance of the Vice President, the Committee recommends an amount of \$10,000, the same as the amount provided for fiscal year 1997. This allowance was first provided by Public Law 81–71, effective January 20, 1949.

For the expense allowance of the President pro tempore, the Committee recommends an amount of \$10,000, the same as the amount provided for fiscal year 1997. This allowance was first provided by the Second Supplemental Appropriations Act, 1978 (Public Law 95–355), effective October 1, 1977.

For the expense allowance of the majority and minority leaders, the Committee recommends \$10,000 for each leader, for a total of \$20,000. This is the same as the amount provided for fiscal year 1997. This allowance was first provided by Public Law 84–242, effective July 1, 1955.

For the expense allowance of the majority and minority whips, the Committee recommends \$5,000 for each whip, for a total of \$10,000. This is the same as the amount provided for fiscal year 1997. This allowance was first provided by the Supplemental Appropriations Act, 1977, Public Law 95–26, effective April 1, 1977.

For the expense allowance for the chairmen of the majority and minority conference committees, the Committee recommends \$3,000 for each chairman, for a total of \$6,000. This is the same as the amount provided for fiscal year 1997. This allowance was first provided in the Supplemental Appropriations Act for Fiscal Year 1985, Public Law 99–88, effective August 15, 1985.

Expenditures from all the foregoing allowances are made upon certification from the individuals for whom the allowances are authorized, and are reported semiannually in the report of the Secretary of the Senate.

REPRESENTATION ALLOWANCES FOR THE MAJORITY AND MINORITY LEADERS

Appropriations, 1997	\$30,000
Budget estimate, 1998	30,000
Committee recommendation	30,000

The Committee recommends an appropriation of \$30,000 for representation allowances for the majority and minority leaders. The recommended amount is the same as that provided for fiscal year 1997 and the fiscal year 1998 budget request.

This allowance was established in the Supplemental Appropriations Act for fiscal year 1985 (Public Law 99-88). The funds were authorized to be used by the majority and minority leaders solely for the discharge of their appropriate responsibilities in connection with official visits to the United States by members of foreign legislative bodies and representatives of foreign governments and inter-governmental agencies. The recommended amount is to be divided equally between the two leaders.

Expenditures from this allowance are made upon certification of the leaders and are reported in the semiannual report of the Secretary of the Senate.

SALARIES, OFFICERS AND EMPLOYEES

Appropriations, 1997	\$74,615,000
Budget estimate, 1998 ¹	79,523,000
Committee recommendation	77,254,000

¹ Budget amendment pending.

The Committee recommends an appropriation of \$77,254,000 for the 12 subaccounts funded under the overall account for the salaries of officers and employees of the Senate. The amount recommended is an increase of \$2,639,000 above the amount provided for fiscal year 1997 and a reduction of \$2,269,000 from the budget estimate.

It should be noted that except for a handful of positions in the Offices of the Secretary and the Sergeant at Arms that are required by statute, specific staffing levels are not stipulated either by the budget request or by the Committee's recommendation. Rather, lump-sum allowances are provided to fund staffing levels each office finds necessary and appropriate for the performance of its duties. Estimated staffing levels for offices funded under this appropriation for fiscal year 1998 are 1,215 to 1,254 positions.

SALARIES, OFFICERS AND EMPLOYEES

[Estimated staffing levels ranges—fiscal years 1997 and 1998]

	Staffing ranges			
	1998 request		1997	
	From	To	From	To
Office of the Vice President	42	45	42	45
Office of the President pro tempore	10	12	9	11
Office of the majority and minority leaders	38	38	38	38
Offices of the majority and minority whips	9	11	9	11
Conference committees	38	46	38	46

SALARIES, OFFICERS AND EMPLOYEES—Continued

[Estimated staffing levels ranges—fiscal years 1997 and 1998]

	Staffing ranges			
	1998 request		1997	
	From	To	From	To
Offices of the secretaries of the conference of the majority and the conference of the minority	8	8	8	8
Policy committees	43	55	43	54
Office of the Chaplain	4	4	4	4
Office of the Secretary	226	237	226	237
Office of the Sergeant at Arms and Doorkeeper	780	780	827	827
Offices of the secretaries for the majority and minority	17	18	17	18
Totals	1,215	1,254	1,261	1,299

Any change from the allocation of funds in the subaccounts within this appropriation is subject to the approval of the Committee.

The total amount appropriated is allocated to the various offices of the Senate as displayed under the headings for the offices that follow.

OFFICE OF THE VICE PRESIDENT

Appropriations, 1997	\$1,513,000
Budget estimate, 1998 ¹	1,612,000
Committee recommendation	1,612,000

¹ Budget amendment pending.

The Committee recommends an appropriation of \$1,612,000 to fund the salaries of the administrative and clerical staff of the Office of the Vice President in connection with his duties as the President of the Senate. This amount is the same as the budget request.

OFFICE OF THE PRESIDENT PRO TEMPORE

Appropriations, 1997	\$325,000
Budget estimate, 1998 ¹	371,000
Committee recommendation	371,000

¹ Budget amendment pending.

The Committee recommends an appropriation of \$371,000 for the Office of the President pro tempore. This amount is the same as the budget estimate.

OFFICES OF THE MAJORITY AND MINORITY LEADERS

Appropriations, 1997	\$2,195,000
Budget estimate, 1998 ¹	2,388,000
Committee recommendation	2,388,000

¹ Budget amendment pending.

The Committee recommends an appropriation of \$2,388,000 for the offices of the majority and minority leaders, which is the same as the budget estimate.

The administrative and clerical staffs funded by this appropriation were authorized under the provisions of Public Law 91-145, effective November 1, 1969. The amount recommended is to be equally divided, providing \$1,194,000 for each office.

OFFICES OF THE MAJORITY AND MINORITY WHIPS

Appropriations, 1997	\$1,156,000
Budget estimate, 1998 ¹	1,221,000
Committee recommendation	1,221,000

¹ Budget amendment pending.

The Committee recommends an appropriation of \$1,221,000 for the offices of the majority and minority whips. It is to be equally divided, providing \$610,500 for each office. This amount is the same as the budget request.

The authority for the administrative and clerical staff funded by this appropriation was created by Public Law 84-242, effective July 1, 1955.

CONFERENCE COMMITTEES

Appropriations, 1997	\$1,992,000
Budget estimate, 1998 ¹	2,122,000
Committee recommendation	2,122,000

¹ Budget amendment pending.

For the administrative and clerical staffs of the majority and minority conference committees, the Committee recommends an appropriation of \$2,122,000, which is the same as the budget estimate. The appropriation provides \$1,061,000 in salaries for the staff of each conference committee.

The chairman of each conference committee may transfer to or from amounts provided for salaries of each conference to the account for conference committee expenses within the "Miscellaneous items" appropriation.

OFFICES OF THE SECRETARIES OF THE CONFERENCE OF THE MAJORITY
AND THE CONFERENCE OF THE MINORITY

Appropriations, 1997	\$384,000
Budget estimate, 1998 ¹	409,000
Committee recommendation	409,000

¹ Budget amendment pending.

The Committee recommends an appropriation of \$409,000 for the majority and minority conference secretaries.

These offices were created by section 6 of Senate Resolution 17, agreed to January 10, 1977, and two positions in each office were first funded in the Supplemental Appropriations Act, 1977 (Public Law 95-26).

Section 102 of the Supplemental Appropriations Act, 1979 (Public Law 96-38), abolished the specific positions and established a lump-sum allowance for the employment of staff, effective October 1, 1979. The amount recommended is to be divided equally between the majority secretary and the minority secretary.

POLICY COMMITTEES

Appropriations, 1997	\$1,930,000
Budget estimate, 1998 ¹	2,155,000
Committee recommendation	2,155,000

¹ Budget amendment pending.

For the salaries of the administrative and clerical staffs of the majority and minority policy committees, the Committee recommends an appropriation of \$2,155,000, or \$1,077,500 for each committee. Agency contributions for the policy committees are funded in the amount provided for agency contributions within the entire "Salaries, officers and employees" account, and expenses are provided under the "Miscellaneous items" account.

OFFICE OF THE CHAPLAIN

Appropriations, 1997	\$234,000
Budget estimate, 1998	265,000
Committee recommendation	260,000

For the Office of the Chaplain, the Committee recommends an appropriation of \$260,000, an increase of \$26,000 from fiscal year 1997 and a decrease of \$5,000 below the budget request. The amount recommended would provide the salaries for the Chaplain of the Senate and support staff to assist the Chaplain with his pastoral duties. The Fiscal Year 1988 Legislative Branch Appropriations Act, Public Law 100-202, established the rate of pay for the Chaplain at Executive Level IV, currently \$115,700. Authorization for a part-time counselor was included in Public Law 101-163, the Fiscal Year 1990 Legislative Branch Appropriations Act.

OFFICE OF THE SECRETARY

Appropriations, 1997	\$12,714,000
Budget estimate, 1998	13,431,000
Committee recommendation	13,306,000

The Committee recommends \$13,306,000 for salaries of the Office of the Secretary, an increase of \$592,000 from fiscal year 1997 and a decrease of \$125,000 below the budget request. Fiscal year 1998 staffing levels are estimated at 226 to 237 positions, as listed in the table below, and the same as fiscal year 1997.

This appropriation provides funds for four statutory positions (Secretary of the Senate, Assistant Secretary of the Senate, Financial Clerk of the Senate, and Parliamentarian of the Senate) and lump-sum allowances for the employment and adjustment of salaries of personnel in the Office of the Secretary of the Senate, as authorized by Public Law 97-51, effective October 1, 1981 (2 U.S.C. 61a-11).

The following departmental guidelines for fiscal year 1998 have been submitted by the Secretary to the Committee:

OFFICE OF THE SECRETARY OF THE SENATE

[Estimated staffing levels ranges—fiscal years 1997 and 1998]

	Staffing ranges			
	1998 request		1997	
	From	To	From	To
Administrative services	19	21	19	21
Captioning services	4	4	4	4
Conservation and preservation	2	2	2	2
Curator	5	5	5	5
Daily Digest	3	3	3	3

OFFICE OF THE SECRETARY OF THE SENATE—Continued

[Estimated staffing levels ranges—fiscal years 1997 and 1998]

	Staffing ranges			
	1998 request		1997	
	From	To	From	To
Disbursing Office	44	48	44	48
Document Room	19	19	19	19
Historian	9	9	9	9
Interparliamentary services	4	4	4	4
Legislative departments	14	17	14	17
Library	22	22	22	22
Official Reporters of Debates	14	14	14	14
Parliamentarian	5	5	5	5
Printing (and office) services	9	9	9	9
Public records	6	6	6	6
Senate chief counsel for employment	9	9	9	9
Senate Page School	6	6	6	6
Senate security	7	7	7	7
Stationery Room	25	27	25	27
Totals	226	237	226	237

OFFICE OF THE SERGEANT AT ARMS AND DOORKEEPER

Appropriations, 1997	\$34,037,000
Budget estimate, 1998	35,126,000
Committee recommendation	33,037,000

This appropriation provides funds for the salaries of three statutory positions (Sergeant at Arms and Doorkeeper, Deputy Sergeant at Arms and Doorkeeper, and Administrative Assistant to the Sergeant at Arms and Doorkeeper) and lump-sum allowances for employment and adjustments of salaries of personnel in the Office of the Sergeant at Arms and Doorkeeper of the Senate, as authorized by Public Law 97-51, effective October 1, 1981 (2 U.S.C. 61f-7).

The Committee recommends a total of \$33,037,000 for fiscal 1998. The amount recommended is \$1,000,000 below the amount provided in the current fiscal year and is \$2,089,000 below the request. This reduction is taken due to projected unexpended balances in fiscal year 1997 due to savings achieved in the office.

The offices and personnel covered by this appropriation are shown in the following table.

STAFFING—OFFICE OF THE SERGEANT AT ARMS AND DOORKEEPER OF THE SENATE

	1997 level	1998 budget request	1998 Committee recommendation
Executive office	\$9,823,000	\$10,066,000	\$9,247,000
Positions	300	301	285
Computer center	\$8,526,000	\$9,021,000	\$8,200,000
Positions	158	158	137
Service department	\$5,995,000	\$6,215,000	\$6,215,000
Positions	145	145	144
Telecommunications	\$4,127,000	\$4,250,000	\$3,875,000
Positions	84	80	77

STAFFING—OFFICE OF THE SERGEANT AT ARMS AND DOORKEEPER OF THE SENATE—Continued

	1997 level	1998 budget request	1998 Committee recommendation
Studios	\$2,962,000	\$2,990,000	\$2,967,000
Positions	63	63	63
Post Office	\$1,468,000	\$1,448,000	\$1,397,000
Positions	57	54	54
News media galleries	\$1,136,000	\$1,136,000	\$1,136,000
Positions	20	20	20
Total	\$34,037,000	\$35,126,000	\$33,037,000
Total positions	827	821	780

OFFICES OF THE SECRETARIES FOR THE MAJORITY AND MINORITY

Appropriations, 1997	\$1,135,000
Budget estimate, 1998	1,215,000
Committee recommendation	1,165,000

The Committee recommends an appropriation of \$1,165,000 for the offices of the secretaries for the majority and minority. This is \$30,000 above the amount provided for fiscal year 1997 and is \$50,000 below the budget request. The appropriation is to be equally divided, providing \$582,500 for each office.

AGENCY CONTRIBUTIONS

Appropriations, 1997	\$17,000,000
Budget estimate, 1998	19,208,000
Committee recommendation	19,208,000

The Committee recommends an appropriation of \$19,208,000 for agency contributions for employees paid under the appropriation, "Salaries, officers and employees." This is \$2,208,000 above the amount provided in fiscal year 1997 and is the same as the budget request.

Agency contributions include the Senate's contributions as an employer to the civil service retirement system, the Federal Employees' Retirement System, the thrift savings plan, Federal employee group life insurance, Federal employee health insurance programs, and FICA. The Senate is required by law to make these payments, and the total required is dependent upon the number of Senate employees, their compensation levels, the benefit programs in which they are enrolled, and the extent of the benefits elected.

OFFICE OF THE LEGISLATIVE COUNSEL OF THE SENATE

Appropriations, 1997	\$3,447,000
Budget estimate, 1998 ¹	3,635,000
Committee recommendation	3,605,000

¹ Budget amendment pending.

For the Office of the Legislative Counsel of the Senate, the Committee recommends an appropriation of \$3,605,000, which is \$158,000 above the amount provided for fiscal year 1997 and is \$30,000 below the budget request. Fiscal year 1998 staffing levels are estimated to be 30 to 32 positions, unchanged from fiscal year 1997.

OFFICE OF SENATE LEGAL COUNSEL

Appropriations, 1997	\$936,000
Budget estimate, 1998 ¹	966,000
Committee recommendation	966,000

¹ Budget amendment pending.

For the Office of Senate Legal Counsel, the Committee recommends an appropriation of \$966,000, which is \$30,000 above the amount provided for fiscal year 1997. The amount provided pays for the salaries, expenses, and agency contributions of the Office.

This Office was established pursuant to section 701 of Public Law 95-521.

EXPENSE ALLOWANCES OF THE SECRETARY OF THE SENATE, SERGEANT AT ARMS AND DOORKEEPER OF THE SENATE, AND SECRETARIES FOR THE MAJORITY AND MINORITY OF THE SENATE

Appropriations, 1997	\$12,000
Budget estimate, 1998	12,000
Committee recommendation	12,000

Section 119 of Public Law 97-51 authorized an expense allowance for the Secretary of the Senate, the Sergeant at Arms and Doorkeeper of the Senate, the Secretary for the Majority, and the Secretary for the Minority. Since fiscal year 1983, the amount has been provided through a direct appropriation. The Committee recommends providing an allowance of \$3,000 for each office.

CONTINGENT EXPENSES OF THE SENATE

INQUIRIES AND INVESTIGATIONS

Appropriations, 1997	\$69,561,000
Budget estimate, 1998 ¹	75,300,000
Committee recommendation	75,600,000

¹ Budget amendment pending.

The Committee recommends an appropriation of \$75,600,000 for inquiries and investigations by all Senate standing, special, and select committees. This is \$6,039,000 above the amount provided for fiscal year 1997 and \$300,000 above the budget request. This recommendation is made in keeping with the Senate's action on Senate Resolution 54, the biennial committee funding resolution adopted February 13, 1997. This increase reflects \$300,000 transferred from the "Official mail" account for committees.

This appropriation funds the liquidation of obligations incurred by committees under the authorization provided in Committee funding resolutions.

U.S. SENATE CAUCUS ON INTERNATIONAL NARCOTICS CONTROL

Appropriations, 1997	\$305,000
Budget estimate, 1998	
Committee recommendation	370,000

The Committee recommends \$370,000 for the expenses of the U.S. Senate Caucus on International Narcotics Control. This is \$65,000 above the current level.

SECRETARY OF THE SENATE

Appropriations, 1997	\$1,511,000
Budget estimate, 1998	1,511,000
Committee recommendation	1,511,000

The Committee recommends an appropriation of \$1,511,000 for expenses of the Office of the Secretary. The recommendation is the same as fiscal year 1997 and the fiscal year 1998 budget request.

The table printed below sets forth the apportionment of funds under this appropriation, followed by a brief description of the line items. Any deviation of more than 10 percent cumulatively from the stated levels for each item will require the customary prior approval of the Committee.

EXPENSES—OFFICE OF THE SECRETARY

Item	1997 appropriation	1998 budget request	1998 Committee recommendation
Historical office:			
Books and documents	\$2,500	\$2,500	\$2,500
Photographic supplies	7,000	7,000	7,000
Library:			
Online information services	47,000	47,000	47,000
Microform publications	31,000	35,000	35,000
Books	12,000	12,000	12,000
Subscriptions	20,000	20,000	20,000
Standing orders	20,000	20,000	20,000
CD-ROM	4,000	4,000	4,000
Audio/visual materials	500	500	500
Office of Conservation and Preservation	3,000	5,000	5,000
Book preservation	5,000	5,000	5,000
Office of Public Records (Public Law 92-342)	8,000	10,000	10,000
Travel and registration fees (Public Law 94-59)	12,000	60,000	60,000
Consultants (not more than two) (Public Law 95-26)	25,000	75,000	75,000
Legal reference volumes and dictionaries (Senators' offices) (Public Law 92-51)	80,000	90,000	90,000
Contractual legal and administrative services and miscellaneous expenses	295,000	270,000	270,000
Disbursing office: Payroll forms, notary fees, supplies, and insurance	29,000	15,000	15,000
Orientation and training (Public Law 95-94)	10,000	10,000	10,000
Newspapers	25,000	25,000	25,000
Senate service awards (S. Res. 21, Sept. 10, 1965)	23,000	23,000	23,000
Postage	1,000	1,000	1,000
Education of Senate pages (Public Law 98-51 and Public Law 98-125) (S. Res. 184, July 29, 1983)	58,000	58,000	58,000
Stationery	50,000	50,000	50,000
Senate Commission on Art (Public Law 100-696, Nov. 18, 1988)	28,000	33,000	33,000
Representation expenses (Public Law 100-71, July 11, 1987)	30,000	50,000	50,000
Office of Captioning Services (Public Law 101-163, Nov. 21, 1989)	235,000	163,000	163,000
Senate Chief Counsel for Employment	450,000	420,000	420,000
Total	1,511,000	1,511,000	1,511,000

The first nine items, pertaining to the Historical Office and the Library, all relate to the basic operations of these offices and are self-explanatory.

Office of Conservation and Preservation.—This account provides funding for the Office of Conservation and Preservation to develop and coordinate programs directly related to the conservation and protection of Senate records and materials for which the Secretary of the Senate has statutory authority.

Book preservation.—This account provides funding for the Office of Conservation and Preservation to use outside sources for the preservation and protection of the Senate book collection, including historically valuable documents under the care of the Secretary of the Senate.

Office of Public Records.—This account provides the funding for expenses of the Office of Public Records. This office has evolved through various pieces of legislation and various responsibilities authorized by the Federal Election Campaign Act of 1971, Standards and Conduct and Senate and the Ethics in Government Act. Public Law 92-342, July 10, 1972, authorizes the Secretary of the Senate to procure technical support services, consultants, use of detailed employees and travel expenses in carrying out his duties under the Federal Election Campaign Act of 1971. The Office of Public Records is mentioned for the first time in Public Law 93-145, November 1, 1973, which authorizes the Secretary of the Senate to appoint and fix the compensation of a superintendent and other positions for the Office of Public Records.

In addition, under the authority of Public Law 95-521, October 26, 1978 (Ethics in Government Act of 1978) reports required to be filed under section 101 of the act shall be available within 15 days after a report is filed for public inspection and a copy of the report shall be provided by the Secretary to any person upon request. Any person requesting a copy of a report may be required to pay a reasonable fee to cover the cost of reproduction of the report. Any monies received by the Secretary shall be deposited into the Treasury as a miscellaneous receipt. This office also performs functions under the Senate Standards and Conduct, such as registration of mass mailings and registering of lobbyists.

Travel and registration fees.—This account provides funding for travel expenses and registration fees incurred by the Secretary of the Senate and the employees of the Office of the Secretary. This line item excludes funding for travel expenses for the Federal Election Campaign Act under the Office of Public Records, which is provided separately under the authority of Public Law 93-342.

The authority for the travel portion of this account was provided for by section 101 of Public Law 94-59, July 25, 1975, at not to exceed \$5,000 during any fiscal year for travel expenses and travel advances shall not exceed \$1,000, per employee. Section 106 of Public Law 95-94, August 5, 1977, increased the not to exceed amount for travel to \$5,500. Section 102 of Public Law 95-355, September 8, 1978, increased the not to exceed amount for travel to \$7,500. Section 102 of Public Law 97-12, June 5, 1981, increased the not to exceed amount for travel to \$10,000. Section 1 of Public Law 98-367, July 17, 1984, removed the not to exceed limitation

on travel expenses for the Secretary of the Senate, during any fiscal year.

Consultants.—This account provides funding for not to exceed two individual consultants as authorized by section 110 of Public Law 95–94, August 5, 1977, which amends section 101 of Public Law 95–26, May 4, 1977. Consultants employed under this authority shall not be paid in excess of the per diem equivalent of the highest gross rate of annual compensation which may be paid to employees of a standing committee of the Senate. In addition, the provisions of section 8344 of title 5, United States Code excludes consultants employed under this provision from the requirement for reduction of compensation for reemployed annuitants.

Legal reference volumes and dictionaries.—This account provides funding to furnish U.S. Senators with volumes of the United States Code Annotated or United States Code Service, pocket parts and supplements, as authorized by Public Law 92–51, July 9, 1971.

The Disbursing Office is responsible for providing the United States Code Annotated or the United States Code Service to Senators upon receipt of a written request of a Senator. In addition, dictionary and dictionary stands are also furnished to Senators from funds provided for in this account.

Contractual legal and administrative services and miscellaneous expenses.—This account provides funding for various contractual, administrative, and miscellaneous expenses incurred by the Office of the Secretary. The Office of the Secretary of the Senate has contractual authority under the authority of Public Law 92–342, for the Federal Election Campaign Act and has utilized this authority to employ professional legal services in the past. In addition, the Office of the Secretary has incurred various types of legal and other expenses which have been authorized by the Senate. Administrative services and miscellaneous expenses are housekeeping expenses of the Office of the Secretary.

Disbursing Office.—This account provides funds for expenses incurred in the operation of the Disbursing Office. Typical expenses for this office include payroll information notices, annual W–2 forms, notary bonds, seals and supplies, necessary supplies in conjunction with the various machinery maintained in the office, which are not available in the stationery room, and necessary insurance policies required for the protection of the Disbursing Officer of the Senate for moneys assigned to his accountability.

Orientation and training.—This account provides funding for expenses incurred by the Secretary of the Senate to conduct orientation seminars or similar meetings for Senators, Senate officials, or members of staffs of Senators or Senate officials not to exceed \$10,000 each fiscal year, under the authority of 2 U.S.C. 69a.

The Office of the Sergeant at Arms and Doorkeeper of the Senate is also authorized under these provisions to conduct seminars or similar meetings in the same manner and to the same extent as the Office of the Secretary of the Senate.

Newspapers.—This account provides funding to furnish newspapers and magazines for official purposes to the Marble Room, leadership offices, Republican and Democratic cloakrooms, Senate officers, and certain other offices.

Senate service awards.—This account provides funding for the issuance of service pins or emblems as authorized by Senate Resolution 21, September 10, 1965. Senate Resolution 21 authorizes the Secretary of the Senate, under the direction of the Committee on Rules and Administration and in accordance with regulation promulgated by the Committee, to procure such pins or emblems and award them to Member, officers, and employees of the Senate who are entitled.

Postage.—This account provides funding for postage for the Office of the Secretary of the Senate for special delivery, registered mail and additional postage not covered under the frank.

Education of Senate pages.—This account provides funding for the education of Senate pages. Senate Resolution 184, July 29, 1983, authorized the Secretary of the Senate to enter into a contract, agreement, or other arrangement with the board of education of the District of Columbia, or to provide such educational services and items in such other manner as he may deem appropriate. Public Law 98–125, October 13, 1983, amended Public Law 98–51, July 14, 1983, striking out the heading and paragraph “Education of Pages” under the heading “Joint Items”, and redesigned the funds provided in Public Law 98–51 for the education of pages between the House of Representatives and the Senate. Each House is to provide for the education of its own pages.

Stationery.—This account provides funding for stationery supplies for the Office of the Secretary of the Senate. The funds provided have been allocated to the various departments of the Office of the Secretary.

Senate Commission on Art.—This account provides funds for the Senate Commission on Art, authorized by Public Law 100–696, November 18, 1988, to acquire any work of art, historical object, documents or material relating to historical matters, or exhibits for placement or exhibition within the Senate wing of the Capitol, any Senate office building, or in rooms, spaces, or corridors thereof, and to publish a Senate historical objects and exhibits currently with the Senate wing of the Capitol and any Senate office building.

The Senate Commission on Art was formally the Commission on Arts and Antiquities, which was authorized by Senate Resolution 382, October 1, 1968, as amended by Senate Resolution 95, April 1, 1977, and Senate Resolution 400, March 23, 1988.

Representation expenses.—This account provides funding (not to exceed \$50,000) to the Secretary of the Senate to coordinate and carry out responsibilities in connection with foreign parliamentary groups of other foreign officials visiting the United States. Authorized by section 2 of Public Law 101–163, November 21, 1989.

Office of Captioning Services.—This account provides funding for the closed captioning of the televised Senate floor proceedings for the hearing impaired. Closed captioning was first authorized under the authority of Public Law 101–163, November 21, 1989.

Senate Chief Counsel for Employment.—This account provides funding for the Office of the Senate Chief Counsel for Employment. This office is a nonpartisan office formed in May 1993 at the direction of the joint leadership and is charged with providing legal advice and representation of Senate offices in all areas of employment law.

SERGEANT AT ARMS AND DOORKEEPER OF THE SENATE

Appropriations, 1997	\$65,931,000
Budget estimate, 1998	78,163,000
Committee recommendation	64,400,000

The Committee recommends the appropriation of \$64,400,000 for expenses of the Sergeant at Arms, which is \$1,531,000 below the amount appropriated for fiscal year 1997 and is \$13,763,000 below the budget request. The Office of the Sergeant at Arms is expected to have significant unexpended balances in fiscal year 1997. The Committee notes that the office is currently undergoing a reorganization as well as development of a number of strategic plans, for which cost estimates are not yet available. The Committee is committed to meeting the needs of the Senate offices and is prepared to work with the Sergeant at Arms to reprogram additional funds should the need arise in fiscal year 1998.

The Sergeant at Arms is commended for his efforts to publish a quarterly report tracking the status of projects within his operation. In an effort to develop a similar financial resources tool, the Committee directs the Sergeant at Arms to develop, in conjunction with this Committee and the Committee on Rules and Administration, a financial statement outlining the progress and status of authorized budget line items. This statement shall be provided to the same committees on a quarterly basis.

The Committee is aware that although the Energy Policy Act of 1992, and subsequent Executive orders by the President, call for the incorporation of alternative fuel vehicles into Federal fleets, that there are no alternative fuel vehicles operated by the Senate. There are several clean fuel technologies already in operation in private fleets, including compressed natural gas taxis and delivery trucks, electric shuttle buses, and ethanol-fueled vehicles to name a few. The Committee directs the Sergeant at Arms to report to the Committee by January 1, 1998, on how they could incorporate alternative fuel vehicles into their fleets consistent with their needs and requirements.

The following table sets forth the apportionment of funds under this appropriation. Any deviation of more than 10 percent cumulatively from the stated levels for each item will require the customary prior approval of the Committee.

EXPENSES—OFFICE OF THE SERGEANT AT ARMS AND DOORKEEPER OF THE SENATE

	1997 level	1998 budget request	1998 Committee recommendation
Computer center	\$26,601,000	\$27,509,000	\$23,892,000
Telecommunications	20,162,000	31,054,000	21,451,000
State office coordination	12,156,000	12,420,000	12,420,000
Service department	5,416,000	5,196,000	4,803,000
Executive office	1,596,000	1,984,000	1,834,000
Total	65,931,000	78,163,000	64,400,000

MISCELLANEOUS ITEMS

Appropriations, 1997	\$6,791,000
Budget estimate, 1998	7,905,000
Committee recommendation	7,905,000

The Committee recommends an appropriation of \$7,905,000 for miscellaneous items, which is \$1,114,000 above the amount provided in fiscal year 1997 and is the same as the budget request.

Any deviation of more than 10 percent cumulatively from the stated levels for each item will require the customary prior approval of the Committee.

The following table sets forth the apportionment of funds under this appropriation:

MISCELLANEOUS ITEMS APPORTIONMENT SCHEDULE

Item	1997 level	Committee recommendation fiscal year 1998	Difference
Resolution and reorganization reserve	\$1,460,000	\$2,000,000	+ \$540,000
Reserve for contingencies (miscellaneous items)	750,000	650,000	— 100,000
Employees compensation fund reimbursement (workmen's compensation)	810,000	1,210,000	+ 400,000
Civil service retirement fund reemployed annuitants	50,000	65,000	+ 15,000
Jacob K. Javits Fellowship Program—(S. Res. 75, dated Mar. 3, 1993, as amended) (expires Sept. 30, 1998) ..	300,000	300,000	.....
John Heinz Fellowship Program—(S. Res. 356, dated Oct. 7, 1992) (expires Sept. 30, 1997)	70,000	.....	— 70,000
Reception of foreign dignitaries (S. Res. 247, dated Feb. 7, 1962, as amended)	25,000	25,000	.....
Foreign travel—Members and employees (S. Res. 179, dated May 25, 1977)	125,000	125,000	.....
Federal employees compensation account (Public Law 96-499, dated Dec. 5, 1980) (unemployment compensation)	1,500,000	1,750,000	+ 250,000
Conferences for the majority and minority (Public Law 97-51, dated Jan. 3, 1983 and Public Law 101-520, dated Nov. 5, 1990)	150,000	150,000	.....
Policy committees for the majority and minority (Public Law 104-53, dated Nov. 19, 1995)	144,000	144,000	.....
Postage	6,000	¹ 6,000	.....
Consultants—including agency contributions (Public Law 95-26, dated May 4, 1977 and Public Law 95-94, dated Aug. 5, 1977)	600,000	650,000	+ 50,000
Senate observer group (expires Dec. 31, 1998—S. Res. 105, dated Apr. 13, 1989, as amended)	580,000	580,000	.....
Office of Fair Employment Practices—(Public Law 104-197) (expires Jan. 30, 1997)	105,000	.....	— 105,000
Contribution costs authorized by Public Law 102-90, dated Aug. 14, 1991, and Public Law 103-50, dated July 2, 1993	115,000	225,000	+ 110,000

MISCELLANEOUS ITEMS APPORTIONMENT SCHEDULE—Continued

Item	1997 level	Committee recommendation fiscal year 1998	Difference
Training classes, conferences, and travel expenses as authorized by Public Law 104–197, dated September 16, 1996		25,000	+ 25,000
Total	6,791,000	7,905,000	+ 1,114,000
¹ Postage apportionment (fiscal year 1998):			
President of the Senate			\$2,700
Secretary for the Majority			1,100
Secretary for the Minority			1,100
Chaplain			1,100
Total			6,000

Resolution and reorganization reserve.—This line item is used to cover the costs of Senate resolutions and public laws that authorize the expenditures from the contingent fund of the Senate that do not have specific appropriations for such purpose. Examples include: payments made to displaced Committee staff members authorized by Senate Resolution 9, agreed to January 7, 1993, and paying for Senator-elect expenses.

Reserve for contingencies.—This is a Committee on Rules and Administration line item which is used for items such as paying for gratuities for family members of deceased Senate employees, paying for damage to automobiles in the Senate parking lots, contractual, legal, and administrative services, and miscellaneous expenses.

Employees compensation fund reimbursements (worker's compensation).—Reimbursements made to the U.S. Department of Labor for total benefits and other payments made on behalf of Senate employees from the employees compensation fund.

Civil service retirement fund reemployed annuitants.—Payments to the Office of Personnel Management's civil service retirement and disability fund for amounts equal to the annuity allocable to the period of actual employment of reemployed annuitants in accordance with Public Law 94–397, agreed to September 3, 1976, for individuals who served continuously as an officer or employee of the Senate prior to October 1, 1979 (Public Law 95–391).

Jacobs K. Javits Fellowship Program.—Provides funding for the fellowship program established by Senate Resolution 75, agreed to March 3, 1993, and amended by Senate Resolution 105, agreed to April 19, 1993. The sum of \$300,000 is authorized on a fiscal year basis through fiscal year 1998.

Reception of foreign dignitaries.—The Committee on Foreign Relations is authorized to expend not to exceed \$25,000 each fiscal year to receive foreign dignitaries under the authority of Senate Resolution 247, agreed to February 7, 1962, as amended.

Foreign travel—members and employees.—Senate Resolution 179, agreed to May 25, 1977, authorized the payment from the contingent fund of the Senate of transportation costs and travel expenses incurred by Members and employees of the Senate when engaged in authorized foreign travel.

Federal employees compensation account (unemployment compensation).—This line item provides for expenses incurred for the Senate to reimburse the “Federal employees compensation” account, pursuant to Public Law 96–499, approved December 5, 1980, for unemployment compensation payments made to Senate employees.

Conferences for the majority and minority.—The amount recommended provides for the expenses of the majority and minority conference committees.

Policy committees for the majority and the minority.—The amount recommended provides for the expenses of the policy committees for the majority and minority. Prior to fiscal year 1996, these expenses were carried within a lump-sum appropriation for the salaries, agency contributions, and expenses of the policy committees.

Postage.—Provides for postage allowances for the President of the Senate, Secretary of the Majority, Secretary of the Minority, and Senate Chaplain.

Consultants—including agency contributions.—The authority providing for the appointment and payment of consultants to the majority and minority leaders and the legislative counsel has been amended several times. The following summarizes the current authority and limitations:

Majority leader: Four consultants at not to exceed the daily rate for maximum standing committee rate. One of the consultants may be appointed at an annual rate of compensation not to exceed the maximum annual rate for a standing committee.

Minority leader: Four consultants at not to exceed the daily rate for maximum standing committee rate. One of the consultants may be appointed at an annual rate of compensation not to exceed the maximum annual rate for a standing committee.

Legislative counsel (subject to the approval of the President pro tempore): Two consultants at not to exceed the daily rate for maximum standing committee rate, as authorized by 2 U.S.C. 61h–6 16.

Senate Arms Control Observer Group.—Provides funding for the Senate Arms Control Observer Group, under the authority of Senate Resolution 105, agreed to April 13, 1989, as amended. The Senate Arms Control Observer Group is authorized through December 31, 1998.

Contribution costs.—Provides for the payment of agency contribution costs as authorized by Public Law 102–90, approved August 14, 1991, and Public Law 103–50, approved July 2, 1993, for employees of the Senate Employees Child Care Center.

Training classes, conferences, and travel expenses.—Provides for the reimbursement of any individual employed by the Senate Employees Child Care Center for the cost of training classes and conferences in connection with the provision of child care services and for travel, transportation, and subsistence expenses incurred in connection with the training classes and conferences, as authorized by Public Law 104–197, approved September 16, 1996.

SENATORS' OFFICIAL PERSONNEL AND OFFICE EXPENSE ACCOUNT

Appropriations, 1997	\$208,000,000
Budget estimate, 1998 ¹	231,736,000
Committee recommendation	228,600,000

¹ Budget amendment pending.

The Committee recommends an appropriation for fiscal year 1998 of \$228,600,000. This amount is \$20,600,000 greater than the fiscal year 1997 level and \$3,136,000 below the budget request.

This account funds salaries and benefits of Senators' staffs as well as the office expense allowance for Senators' offices. These funds were formerly carried under several accounts including: "Administrative, clerical and legislative assistance to Senators;" "Agency contributions," under the heading "Salaries, officers and employees;" and "Official office expense allowances." Those separate appropriations were merged into this single account in Public Law 100-137.

The Senators' official personnel and office expense allowance [SOPOEA] is comprised of three components. Two of these are for salaries of personnel in Senators' offices. The allowance for administrative and clerical assistance is based on the population of States, beginning with States with a population of fewer than 5 million people to States with a population of 28 million or more. The tables below illustrate the allowances per population category and the States which fall into those categories.

The second component of the salaries allowance is for legislative assistance to Senators, as authorized by Public Law 95-94. This allowance provides funding for three positions in each Senator's office at an annual rate of \$129,059 for a total of \$387,177 per office, or \$38,717,700 for all 100 Senators.

The third component of the SOPOEA is for office expenses. Each Senator's office is allocated an amount for office expenses, as displayed in the following table including the reallocations of the official mail. In addition, an amount of \$200,000 is provided to cover additional expenses that may be incurred in the event of the death or resignation of a Senator, and to provide for transitional expenses during election years subject to regulations set by the Committee on Rules and Administration with respect to official mail.

It should be noted that the amounts provided for the various components of the SOPOEA are entirely fungible. Amounts provided for salaries may be used for expenses, and vice versa, subject to regulations set by the Committee on Rules and Administration with respect to official mail.

The following tables illustrate the several components of the SOPOEA.

SENATORS' OFFICIAL PERSONNEL AND OFFICE EXPENSE ACCOUNT

State	Administrative and clerical assistance as of October 1, 1997	Legislative assistance allowance as of October 1, 1997	Official office expense allowance as of October 1, 1997	Fiscal year 1998 total allowance
Alabama	\$1,134,865	\$387,177	\$182,567	\$1,704,609
Alaska	1,134,865	387,177	251,901	1,773,943
Arizona	1,134,865	387,177	197,079	1,719,121

SENATORS' OFFICIAL PERSONNEL AND OFFICE EXPENSE ACCOUNT—Continued

State	Administrative and clerical as- sistance as of October 1, 1997	Legislative as- sistance allow- ance as of Octo- ber 1, 1997	Official office expense allow- ance as of Octo- ber 1, 1997	Fiscal year 1998 total allowance
Arkansas	1,134,865	387,177	168,282	1,690,324
California	2,059,845	387,177	468,724	2,915,746
Colorado	1,134,865	387,177	186,350	1,708,392
Connecticut	1,134,865	387,177	160,903	1,682,945
Delaware	1,134,865	387,177	127,198	1,649,240
Florida	1,596,487	387,177	299,746	2,283,410
Georgia	1,273,351	387,177	210,214	1,870,742
Hawaii	1,134,865	387,177	279,512	1,801,554
Idaho	1,134,865	387,177	163,335	1,685,377
Illinois	1,458,001	387,177	266,248	2,111,426
Indiana	1,181,026	387,177	194,770	1,762,973
Iowa	1,134,865	387,177	170,565	1,692,607
Kansas	1,134,865	387,177	168,177	1,690,219
Kentucky	1,134,865	387,177	177,338	1,699,380
Louisiana	1,134,865	387,177	185,647	1,707,689
Maine	1,134,865	387,177	147,746	1,669,788
Maryland	1,181,026	387,177	173,020	1,741,223
Massachusetts	1,227,189	387,177	195,799	1,810,165
Michigan	1,365,675	387,177	236,459	1,989,311
Minnesota	1,134,865	387,177	187,702	1,709,744
Mississippi	1,134,865	387,177	168,103	1,690,145
Missouri	1,181,026	387,177	197,941	1,766,144
Montana	1,134,865	387,177	161,725	1,683,767
Nebraska	1,134,865	387,177	160,361	1,682,403
Nevada	1,134,865	387,177	171,096	1,693,138
New Hampshire	1,134,865	387,177	142,394	1,664,436
New Jersey	1,273,351	387,177	206,260	1,866,788
New Mexico	1,134,865	387,177	166,140	1,688,182
New York	1,764,508	387,177	327,955	2,479,640
North Carolina	1,273,351	387,177	210,946	1,871,474
North Dakota	1,134,865	387,177	149,824	1,671,866
Ohio	1,458,001	387,177	259,452	2,104,630
Oklahoma	1,134,865	387,177	181,761	1,703,803
Oregon	1,134,865	387,177	189,345	1,711,387
Pennsylvania	1,504,162	387,177	266,148	2,157,487
Rhode Island	1,134,865	387,177	138,582	1,660,624
South Carolina	1,134,865	387,177	170,451	1,692,493
South Dakota	1,134,865	387,177	151,450	1,673,492
Tennessee	1,181,026	387,177	191,954	1,760,157
Texas	1,794,042	387,177	348,681	2,529,900
Utah	1,134,865	387,177	168,632	1,690,674
Vermont	1,134,865	387,177	135,925	1,657,967
Virginia	1,227,189	387,177	193,467	1,807,833
Washington	1,181,026	387,177	214,694	1,782,897
West Virginia	1,134,865	387,177	147,772	1,669,814
Wisconsin	1,181,026	387,177	191,569	1,759,772
Wyoming	1,134,865	387,177	152,438	1,674,480
Total	123,084,246	38,717,700	19,928,696	181,730,642

According to the most recent employment data compiled by the Secretary of the Senate, as of March 31, 1997, there were 3,951 individuals employed in Senators' offices throughout the United States and covered by this appropriation.

U.S. Senate Senators' staff as of September 30, 1986-96 and March 31, 1997

<i>Year</i>	<i>Number of staff</i>
1986	3,835
1987	4,082
1988	4,036
1989	4,111
1990	4,035
1991	4,197
1992	4,135
1993	4,262
1994	4,142
1995	4,112
1996	3,959
1997 ¹	3,951

¹ As of March 31, 1997.

In addition to providing funds for compensation of employees within Senators' offices, this appropriation also provides for agency contributions for those employees; that is, the Senate's share, as an employer, of the various employee benefit programs for which Senate employees are eligible. These payments are mandatory, and fluctuate according to the programs in which employees are enrolled, the level of compensation, and the degree of participation. Budget requests for this account prepared by the Financial Clerk must be based on both experience and evaluation of trends. The fiscal year 1998 request for this account anticipates \$52,074,000 in agency contribution costs.

The amount recommended by the Committee for the SOPOEA is less than would be required to cover all obligations that could be incurred under the authorized allowances for all Senators. The Committee is able to recommend an appropriation of a lesser amount than potentially necessary because Senators typically do not obligate funds up to the absolute ceiling of their respective allowances. In fact, a number of offices spend less than their total allowances. Evidence of this can be found in the semiannual report of the Secretary of the Senate. At the direction of this Committee in the Fiscal Year 1996 Legislative Branch Appropriations Act, the Secretary's report now includes summary information on each Senator's authorized allowance, expenditures made, and the balance, if any.

In the alternative, the Committee could recommend an appropriation to fully fund the sum total of all the authorized allowances. For fiscal year 1998, that would mean an appropriation of \$239,136,000, \$10,536,000 more than recommended.

STATIONERY (REVOLVING FUND)

Appropriations, 1997	\$13,000
Budget estimate, 1998	13,000
Committee recommendation	13,000

The Committee recommends the request of \$13,000 for stationery and office supplies for the President of the Senate, conference committees of the Senate, the Chaplain, and the Senate Chamber. The sum recommended is the same as the amount enacted for fiscal year 1997.

The funds are allocated as follows:

Stationery (revolving fund) allocation—fiscal year 1998

President of the Senate	\$4,500
Conference of the majority	300
Conference of the minority	300
Chaplain	700
Senate Chamber	7,200
Total	13,000

SENATE OFFICIAL MAIL COSTS

Appropriations, 1997	\$10,000,000
Budget estimate, 1998	9,000,000
Committee recommendation	300,000

For the official mail costs of the Senate, the Committee recommends an appropriation of \$300,000, which is \$9,700,000 below the fiscal year 1997 level and is \$8,700,000 below the budget request. In addition to transferring the mail allowance to the "Senators' official personnel office and expense account" and "Inquiries and investigations" account for committees, the Committee recommends a reduction of \$2,000,000 from the fiscal year 1997 level in the total Senate appropriation for official mail. The \$300,000 reflects the anticipated cost of mail for all other Senate entities that have funds disbursed by the Secretary of the Senate.

ADMINISTRATIVE PROVISIONS

The Committee recommends seven administrative provisions relative to Senate operations.

Section 1. This section authorizes the Secretary of the Senate to make advance payments authorized under a contract or other agreement to provide a service or deliver an article in accordance with regulations issued by the Committee on Rules and Administration.

Section 2. Authorizes the majority and minority whip to transfer funds from their salaries fund to pay expenses.

Sections 3 and 6. The official mail account for the Senate was reduced from \$10,000,000 in fiscal year 1997 to \$8,000,000 in fiscal year 1998, a reduction of 20 percent. The statutory changes are required in order to allow for the transfer of official mail funding to the "Senators' official personnel and office expense account" [SOPOEA] and the "Inquiries and investigations" account for committees. By consolidating the funds from both accounts, the Senate was able to reduce the total appropriation for official mail from \$10,000,000 in fiscal year 1997 to \$300,000 in fiscal year 1998 by transferring \$300,000 to inquiries and investigations for committees and \$7,400,000 to the Senators' official personnel office and expense account for Members office. The balance of \$300,000 will be available for all other Senate entities that have funds disbursed by the Secretary of the Senate. Official mail costs will now be charged directly to each committee and Senator's account. This change will also provide offices with increased flexibility in administering office accounts while reducing paper work for the Senate.

Sections 4 and 5. These provisions adjust for the Senate the 2-percent cost-of-living adjustment which was provided in fiscal year 1996. In fiscal year 1996, the Senate did not receive a cost-of-living adjustment which was provided Governmentwide, for the judiciary,

and the House of Representatives. The table on page 26 details the increases to Senate Resolution 54, the Committee funding resolution.

Section 7. This section authorizes the Secretary of the Senate to delegate approval of disbursements on vouchers from the Senate stationery revolving fund.

Committee	Funding resolution section	1997 funds authorized by S. Res. 54 (54B)	Prorated fiscal year 1998 cost of 54B increase 10/1/97-2/28/98	Prorated fiscal year 1998 mail allocation 10/1/97-2/28/98	Adjusted (54B) funding	1998 funds authorized by S. Res. 54 (54C)	1998 funds adjusted by COLA (54C)	Prorated fiscal year 1998 mail allocation 3/1/98-9/30/98	Adjusted (54C) funding
Agriculture, Nutrition, and Forestry	3	\$1,747,544	\$13,619	4,320	\$1,765,483	\$1,792,747	\$33,747	6,047	\$1,832,541
Appropriations	4	4,953,132	38,983	12,241	5,004,356	5,082,521	96,599	17,144	5,196,264
Armed Services	5	2,704,397	21,690	6,685	2,732,772	2,776,389	53,747	9,359	2,839,495
Banking, Housing, and Urban Affairs	6	2,853,725	22,462	7,054	2,883,241	2,928,278	55,659	9,875	2,993,812
Budget	7	3,105,190	25,220	7,676	3,138,086	3,188,897	62,493	10,745	3,262,135
Commerce, Science, and Transportation	8	3,448,034	27,475	8,523	3,484,032	3,539,226	68,082	11,932	3,619,240
Energy and Natural Resources	9	2,637,966	21,010	6,521	2,665,497	2,707,696	52,059	9,128	2,768,883
Environment and Public Works	10	2,431,871	18,723	6,011	2,456,605	2,494,014	46,394	8,416	2,548,824
Finance	11	3,028,328	23,580	7,486	3,059,394	3,106,591	58,430	10,479	3,175,500
Foreign Relations	12	2,710,573	21,746	6,700	2,739,019	2,782,749	53,886	9,380	2,846,015
Governmental Affairs	13	4,533,600	36,090	11,206	4,580,896	4,653,386	89,429	15,689	4,758,504
Judiciary	14	4,362,646	35,367	10,784	4,408,797	4,480,028	87,635	15,097	4,582,760
Labor and Human Resources	15	4,113,888	32,716	10,169	4,156,773	4,223,533	80,005	14,236	4,317,774
Rules and Administration	16	1,789,106	10,956	3,310	1,803,372	1,375,472	27,148	4,634	1,407,254
Small Business	17	1,084,471	8,515	2,681	1,095,667	1,112,732	21,100	3,753	1,137,585
Veterans' Affairs	18	1,123,430	8,989	2,777	1,135,196	1,153,263	22,273	3,888	1,179,424
Aging (Special)	19	1,133,674	8,795	2,802	1,145,271	1,162,875	21,782	3,923	1,188,580
Intelligence (Select)	20	2,114,489	17,179	5,227	2,136,895	2,171,507	42,570	7,317	2,221,394
Indian Affairs (Select)	21	1,143,715	8,520	2,827	1,155,062	1,171,994	21,112	3,958	1,197,064
Total		51,019,779	401,635	125,000	51,546,414	51,903,898	994,150	175,000	53,073,048

JOINT ITEMS

JOINT COMMITTEE ON INAUGURAL CEREMONIES OF 1997

Appropriations, 1997	\$950,000
Budget estimate, 1998	
Committee recommendation	

The Committee recommends no appropriation for the Joint Committee on Inaugural Ceremonies of 1997.

JOINT ECONOMIC COMMITTEE

Appropriations, 1997	\$2,750,000
Budget estimate, 1998	2,750,000
Committee recommendation	2,750,000

The Committee recommends an appropriation of \$2,750,000 for the Joint Economic Committee. This amount is the same as the fiscal year 1997 level and the fiscal year 1998 budget request.

JOINT COMMITTEE ON PRINTING

Appropriations, 1997	\$777,000
Budget estimate, 1998	807,000
Committee recommendation	807,000

The Committee recommends the appropriation of \$807,000 for the Joint Committee on Printing. This is \$30,000 above the amount appropriated for fiscal year 1997 and is the same as the budget request.

JOINT COMMITTEE ON TAXATION

Appropriations, 1997	\$5,470,000
Budget estimate, 1998	6,126,000
Committee recommendation	5,724,000

The Committee recommends an appropriation of \$5,724,000 for salaries and expenses of the Joint Committee on Taxation. This is \$254,000 above the current level and is \$402,000 below the budget request.

The Committee is providing an additional \$154,000 over the fiscal year 1997 funding level for the cost-of-living adjustment. An additional \$100,000 is provided for the Joint Committee on Taxation to designate a minimum of one staff to assist Members of Congress, not on the Tax Committees, in securing revenue estimates for legislation. Upon the request of a Member of Congress, the joint committee shall describe each and every assumption it makes in performing the calculation and provide all primary and secondary source materials to the Member or their designee. The joint committee shall also state the assumptions and source materials in a manner that will allow the calculations for that revenue estimate to be replicated by the Member or their designee.

OFFICE OF THE ATTENDING PHYSICIAN

Appropriations, 1997	\$1,225,000
Budget estimate, 1998	1,266,000
Committee recommendation	1,266,000

The Committee recommends the appropriation of \$1,266,000 for the Office of the Attending Physician. The amount is \$41,000 above the appropriation for fiscal year 1997 and is the same as the budget estimate. The Office was first established by House Resolution 253, adopted December 5, 1928.

CAPITOL POLICE BOARD

CAPITOL POLICE

	<i>Recommended</i>
Salaries	\$73,935,000
Expenses	5,401,000
Total, Capitol Police Board	79,336,000

The Committee continues funding the operations of the entire U.S. Capitol Police Force within joint items under the heading "Capitol Police Board." The Capitol Police are requested to prepare and submit to the Senate and House Appropriations Committees a detailed description of any capital improvement projects being requested and included in the Architect of the Capitol's fiscal year 1999 budget request.

CAPITOL POLICE

SALARIES

Appropriations, 1997	\$69,356,000
Budget estimate, 1998	73,935,000
Committee recommendation	73,935,000

The Committee recommends an appropriation of \$73,935,000 for the salaries of the U.S. Capitol Police, which is \$4,579,000 above the fiscal year 1997 level and is the same as the budget request.

The amount provided covers salaries, benefits, and overtime costs. Capitol Police personnel are also eligible for hazardous duty pay, a clothing allowance, and comparability pay similar to locality pay adjustments granted other Federal law enforcement personnel in the Washington, DC, area. Capitol Police personnel on the Senate detail are the only Senate employees eligible for such comparability pay.

GENERAL EXPENSES

Appropriations, 1997	\$6,032,000
Budget estimate, 1998	5,401,000
Committee recommendation	5,401,000

The Committee recommends \$5,401,000 for general expenses of the Capitol Police, which is \$631,000 below the fiscal year 1997 level and is the same as the request. In fiscal year 1996, \$3,200,000 was provided for physical security improvement programs, and \$2,700,000 for general expenses of the force. Pursuant to direction of the Committee, the Capitol Police have added an additional \$2,100,000 representing the cost of their computer and telecommunications functions. In prior years these functions were included in the Senate Sergeant at Arms budget.

These expenses include office supplies and equipment, laundry and dry-cleaning, communications, motor vehicles, uniforms and

equipment, investigations, training, and miscellaneous items. The amount recommended includes funds for vehicle replacement.

ADMINISTRATIVE PROVISIONS

The Committee has included a provision (sec. 101) which allows for funds to be transferred between the “Salaries” and “General expenses” accounts. The Committee has also included a provision (sec. 102) which authorizes a unified payroll and leave system.

CAPITOL GUIDE AND SPECIAL SERVICES OFFICE

Appropriations, 1997	\$1,991,000
Budget estimate, 1998	1,991,000
Committee recommendation	1,991,000

The Committee recommends an appropriation of \$1,991,000 for the Capitol Guide and Special Services Office. This amount is the same as the current level and the request.

STATEMENTS OF APPROPRIATIONS

Appropriations, 1997	\$30,000
Budget estimate, 1998	30,000
Committee recommendation	30,000

The Committee recommends \$30,000, the same as the budget estimate, for the preparation of detailed statements of appropriations as required by law. This account is used as payment for the preparation of the volumes, “Statements on Appropriations,” for the first session of the 105th Congress. These volumes show annual appropriations made, indefinite appropriations, and contracts authorized, along with a chronological history of regular appropriations bills. The volumes are compiled jointly by the Senate and House Committees on Appropriations pursuant to a directive in the Legislative Appropriations Act of June 7, 1924.

OFFICE OF COMPLIANCE

Appropriations, 1997	\$2,609,000
Budget estimate, 1998	2,600,000
Committee recommendation	2,600,000

The Committee recommends an appropriation of \$2,600,000 for the salaries and expenses of the Office of Compliance, as authorized by section 305 of Public Law 104–1, the Congressional Accountability Act of 1996. This reflects a decrease of \$9,000 from the fiscal year 1997 funding level and is the same as the request.

CONGRESSIONAL BUDGET OFFICE

SALARIES AND EXPENSES

Appropriations, 1997	\$24,532,000
Budget estimate, 1998	24,995,000
Committee recommendation	24,995,000

The Committee recommends an appropriation of \$24,995,000 for the Congressional Budget Office. The amount is the same as the budget estimate and \$463,000 above the fiscal year 1997 level.

ARCHITECT OF THE CAPITOL

The Committee has recommended a funding level of \$130,324,000 for all activities of the Architect of the Capitol pertaining to direct support of the Congress. Excluded are House items which are traditionally left for consideration by that body. Additional funds are recommended in title II of the bill for the Architect's activities relative to the structural and mechanical care of the Library's buildings and grounds, and the Botanic Garden.

The Architect is directed to develop in consultation with the Appropriations Committee, a quarterly financial report which shall include the projection of line item balances and contingent expenses.

The amount recommended in title I is \$22,206,000 above the fiscal year 1997 amount and \$4,150,000 below the budget estimate.

The following table shows the request and the Committee recommendation:

Appropriation	Fiscal year		
	1997 appropriation ¹	1998 request	1998 recommendation
Salaries	\$8,454,000	.....	.....
Contingent expenses	100,000	.....	.....
Capitol buildings	23,505,000	\$42,064,000	\$39,554,000
Capitol buildings (combined)	32,059,000	42,064,000	39,554,000
Capitol Grounds	5,020,000	6,618,000	6,203,000
Senate office buildings	40,290,000	52,021,000	50,922,000
Capitol Power Plant	30,749,000	33,771,000	33,645,000
Total, title I	108,118,000	134,474,000	130,324,000
Botanic Garden	36,402,000	11,662,000	3,228,000
Library buildings and grounds, structural and mechanical care	9,753,000	15,755,000	14,699,000
Total, title II	46,155,000	27,417,000	17,927,000
Total	154,273,000	161,891,000	148,251,000

¹ Includes fiscal year 1997 supplementals.

OFFICE OF THE ARCHITECT—SALARIES

Appropriations, 1997	\$8,454,000
Budget estimate, 1998 .....	.....
Committee recommendation .....	.....

The Committee has approved the Architect of the Capitol's request to combine the "Salaries" account within the "Capitol buildings, salaries and expenses" account.

OFFICE OF THE ARCHITECT—CONTINGENT EXPENSES

Appropriations, 1997	\$100,000
Budget estimate, 1998 .....	.....
Committee recommendation .....	.....

The Committee has approved the Architect of the Capitol's request to combine the "Contingent expenses" account within the "Capitol buildings, salaries and expenses" account.

CAPITOL BUILDINGS AND GROUNDS

CAPITOL BUILDINGS

SALARIES AND EXPENSES

Appropriations, 1997 ¹	\$23,505,000
Budget estimate, 1998	42,064,000
Committee recommendation	39,554,000

¹ Includes fiscal year 1997 supplemental of \$250,000.

The Committee recommends an appropriation of \$39,554,000 for salaries for the Architect of the Capitol, the Assistant Architect of the Capitol, other personal services, surveys and studies in connection with activities under the care of the Architect, and necessary expenses for the maintenance, care, and operation of the Capitol electrical substations of the House and Senate office buildings. The amount recommended is \$16,049,000 above the amount provided for fiscal year 1997, excluding the consolidation of accounts. The net increase over 1997, including the salaries and contingent expenses appropriations, is \$7,495,000 and represents a reduction of \$2,510,000 from the budget request. The Committee has included a \$20,000 limitation for travel related to work under the Architect.

The Rules Committee has identified a need for a replacement sound system for the next Presidential Inauguration. The Architect is requested to begin a design study for a new sound system to ensure adequate planning time for its review and acquisition.

The Committee is aware that although the Energy Policy Act of 1992 and subsequent Executive orders by the President, call for the incorporation of alternative fuel vehicles into Federal fleets, that there are no alternative fuel vehicles operated by the Congress. There are several clean fuel technologies already in operation in private fleets, including compressed natural gas taxis and delivery trucks, electric shuttle buses, and ethanol-fueled vehicles to name a few. The Committee directs the Architect of the Capitol to report to the Committee by January 1, 1998, on how they could incorporate alternative fuel vehicles into their fleets consistent with their needs and requirements.

The Committee directs that no new Senate projects or activities other than those listed below be undertaken with funds provided in this or previous appropriations acts without the prior written approval of the Committee, and that the Committee be notified in writing in advance of any new Senate projects or activities to be undertaken with the funds provided for annual maintenance, repairs, alterations, or miscellaneous improvements.

The following table displays the request and the Committee recommendation.

REQUEST VERSUS RECOMMENDATION

Item	Request ¹	Committee recommendation
Personnel compensation and benefits	\$23,415,000	\$22,990,000
Travel, rent, and communications	775,600	775,600
Annual maintenance, repairs, and alterations	5,853,000	5,683,000
Supplies, materials, and equipment	690,400	690,400
Subtotal	30,734,000	30,139,000
1998 budget projects:		
Cyclical maintenance:		
Ongoing projects:		
Plumbing renovations, Capitol Building	400,000	400,000
Elevator/escalator modernization program	400,000	400,000
Conservation of wall paintings	180,000	180,000
Replace Minton tile	200,000	200,000
New Requests:		
Replace fire pump	75,000	75,000
Replace six West Front lower terrace windows	120,000	120,000
Design to replace legislative call system and clocks	200,000	200,000
Study of exterior architectural fixtures and elements	30,000	30,000
Renovate portico lighting	50,000	.....
Electrical renovations to Senate kitchen	75,000	75,000
Repairs to East Front bronze doors	75,000	75,000
Cleaning of historical architectural surfaces	115,000	50,000
Modifications to South Capitol Street warehouse	150,000	75,000
Conservation and maintenance of exterior sculptures	215,000	215,000
Rehabilitate dome	1,500,000	1,500,000
Repair/upgrade building birdproofing wiring	50,000	.....
Subtotal, cyclical maintenance	3,835,000	3,595,000
Continuing and initiating other programs:		
Ongoing projects:		
ADA improvements	300,000	300,000
Replace/repair underground storage tanks	100,000	100,000
Telecommunications network management	100,000	100,000
Implementation of AOCNET	400,000	400,000
Legislative branch warehouse operations and maintenance, Fort Meade	400,000	400,000
Installation of smoke detectors and fire alarms	400,000	400,000
Provide infrastructure for security installations	1,000,000	1,000,000
New requests:		
Study to replace locks with card access system	25,000	.....
Replace/install witness timers in committee rooms	125,000	.....
Chemical and explosive storage facility, D.C. Village	250,000	200,000
Conceptual facilities master plan, U.S. Capitol Police	300,000	.....
Completion of canine facility, D.C. Village	350,000	300,000
Replace House Chamber sound reinforcement system	930,000	.....
Provide protection from transformers in open areas	40,000	40,000
Compliance issues, South Capitol Street warehouse	150,000	100,000
Design for complex wide fire and emergency management	50,000	50,000
Fire alarm upgrade for ADA compliance	150,000	150,000
Computer aided facility management	600,000	500,000
Integrated management system	650,000	650,000
Replace dimming systems serving east front offices	50,000	.....

REQUEST VERSUS RECOMMENDATION—Continued

Item	Request ¹	Committee recommendation
Analysis and design of outside air intake tunnel renovations	50,000	.....
Improve lighting for Senate Chamber	50,000	300,000
Upgrade electrical system drawings on CAD	60,000	60,000
Seismic study	75,000	.....
Upgrade Rotunda lighting	120,000	120,000
Replace sound reinforcement system, committee and hearing rooms	120,000	.....
Design to upgrade air-conditioning, east front	150,000	150,000
Study for upgrading building systems, Capitol	500,000	500,000
Subtotal, continuing and initiating other programs	7,495,000	5,820,000
Total, Capitol buildings	42,064,000	39,554,000

¹ Includes former salaries and contingent expenses appropriations.

CAPITOL GROUNDS

Appropriations, 1997	\$5,020,000
Budget estimate, 1998	6,618,000
Committee recommendation	6,203,000

The Committee recommends an appropriation of \$6,203,000 for Capitol Grounds for the care and improvements of the grounds surrounding the Capitol, the Senate and House office buildings, and the Capitol Power Plant. This is \$1,183,000 above the current level and is \$415,000 below the request.

The Committee directs that no new Senate projects or activities other than those listed below be undertaken with funds provided in this or previous appropriations acts without the prior written approval of the Committee, and that the Committee be notified in writing in advance of any new Senate projects or activities to be undertaken with the funds provided for annual maintenance, repairs, alterations, or miscellaneous improvements.

The following table displays the request and the Committee recommendation.

REQUEST VERSUS RECOMMENDATION

Item	Request	Committee recommendation
Personnel compensation and benefits	\$3,630,000	\$3,615,000
Annual maintenance, repairs, and alterations	1,099,000	1,039,000
Supplies, materials, and equipment	229,000	169,000
Subtotal	4,958,000	4,823,000
1998 budget projects:		
Cyclical maintenance:		
Ongoing projects:		
Replace bituminous paving at various locations	100,000	100,000
Replace sidewalks, various locations	70,000	70,000
New requests:		
Replace delta barriers, north and south drives	200,000	200,000

REQUEST VERSUS RECOMMENDATION—Continued

Item	Request	Committee recommendation
Renovate and restore Russell courtyard	40,000	40,000
Maintenance of outdoor sculpture, Peace and Garfield	30,000	.....
Subtotal, cyclical maintenance	440,000	410,000
Continuing and initiating other programs:		
Ongoing projects: ADA requirements	25,000	25,000
New requests:		
Design for security improvements, HSOB horseshoe	125,000	125,000
Security planters, Capitol square and secured streets	400,000	200,000
Install new hydraulic security bollards	520,000	520,000
Install new irrigation and plantings, RHOB west courtyard	50,000	.....
CAD data base development—site utilities	60,000	60,000
Upgrade, automate, and expand irrigation system	40,000	40,000
Subtotal, continuing and initiating other programs	1,220,000	970,000
Total, Capitol grounds	6,618,000	6,203,000

SENATE OFFICE BUILDINGS

Appropriations, 1997 ¹	\$40,290,000
Budget estimate, 1998	52,021,000
Committee recommendation	50,922,000

¹ Includes fiscal year 1997 supplemental of \$650,000.

The Committee recommends an appropriation of \$50,922,000 for maintenance of the Senate office buildings. The recommended amount is \$1,099,000 below the request and is \$10,632,000 above the current level.

The Committee has included language to consolidate all staff and operational expenses associated with the operation of the Senate Restaurant into one account—the Senate Restaurant revolving account. Presently, management personnel are funded separately within the “Architect of the Capitol appropriations” account for the Senate Office Building under the authority of 40 U.S.C. 174j–8. Restaurant line employees and wait staff are paid from the revolving fund.

This change will provide both management and accounting disclosure efficiencies. The intent of this provision is to authorize a one-time transfer each year at levels appropriated by the Congress. It is the goal of the Rules Committee in conjunction with the Architect of the Capitol to reduce this appropriation account to zero while moving the revolving account toward operating on a break-even basis.

The Committee directs that no new Senate projects or activities other than those listed below be undertaken with funds provided in this or previous appropriations acts without the prior written approval of the Committee, and that the Committee be notified in writing in advance of any new Senate projects or activities to be undertaken with the funds provided for annual maintenance, repairs, alterations, or miscellaneous improvements.

The following table displays the request and the Committee recommendation.

REQUEST VERSUS RECOMMENDATION

Item	Request	Committee recommendation
Personnel compensation and benefits	\$25,369,000	\$25,035,000
Annual rent, maintenance, repairs, and alterations	8,978,000	8,658,000
Supplies, materials, and equipment	2,716,000	2,716,000
Subtotal	37,063,000	36,409,000
1998 budget projects:		
Cyclical maintenance:		
Ongoing projects: Plumbing renovations, Russell Senate Office Building	400,000	400,000
New requests:		
Design to replace roof, Capitol Police headquarters	25,000	25,000
Replace fire pump, Russell Senate Office Building	75,000	75,000
Design to upgrade Russell-Capitol subway	100,000	100,000
Design for restoration of Senate legislative garage	600,000	600,000
Design to repair failed waterproofing over SD-G82	25,000	25,000
Renovate sundry shop	75,000	.....
Design to repair failed waterproofing, ST-71	100,000	100,000
Roofing repairs, Russell and Dirksen Senate Office Buildings	100,000	100,000
Subtotal, cyclical maintenance	1,500,000	1,425,000
Continuing and initiating other programs:		
Ongoing projects:		
Electrical/telecommunications modernization, Russell Senate Office Building	2,550,000	2,550,000
ADA requirements	300,000	300,000
Lightning protection system, Hart Senate Office Building and Capitol Police headquarters	100,000	100,000
Renovate HVAC, electrical, telecommunications, sprinklers, and restrooms, Dirksen Senate Office Building ...	8,500,000	8,500,000
Renovate toilet rooms—ADA, Hart Senate Office Building	400,000	400,000
New requests:		
Study and design for centralized control room facility, recording studio	50,000	50,000
Study telecommunications space and electromagnet fields, Russell Senate Office Building	50,000	.....
Alternate feed USCP control room, Russell Senate Office Building	100,000	100,000
Mailroom renovations, Dirksen Senate Office Building	188,000	188,000
Study and design to upgrade electrical systems for Senate Recording Studio	50,000	50,000
Delaware Avenue vestibule, Russell Senate Office Building	120,000	.....
Fire alarm system upgrade for ADA compliance, Russell and Hart Senate Office Buildings	150,000	150,000
Outside air flow controls	150,000	150,000
Modernize 12 elevators, Hart Senate Office Building	750,000	550,000

REQUEST VERSUS RECOMMENDATION—Continued

Item	Request	Committee recommendation
Subtotal, continuing and initiating other programs	13,458,000	13,088,000
Total, Senate office buildings	52,021,000	50,922,000

CAPITOL POWER PLANT

Appropriations, 1997	\$30,749,000
Budget estimate, 1998	33,771,000
Committee recommendation	33,645,000

The Committee recommends an appropriation of \$33,645,000 for the operations of the Capitol Power Plant. The amount recommended is \$2,896,000 above the amount provided for fiscal year 1997 and \$126,000 below the request.

More than 85 percent of the recommended amount is for the purchase of electricity from the local private utility, payment to the government of the District of Columbia for the provision of water and sewer services, and the procurement of boiler fuel, as displayed in the following table.

Fiscal year 1998 estimated utility costs

Purchase of electricity	\$21,925,000
Purchase of natural gas	640,000
Purchase of steam	248,000
Purchase of chilled water	252,000
Purchase of coal	3,000,000
Purchase of oil	500,000
Water and sewer payments	2,693,000
Total	29,258,000

The balance of this appropriation supports a work force to operate and maintain the Power Plant. The Power Plant provides heat, light, power, and air-conditioning for the Capitol, Senate and House office buildings, and the Library of Congress buildings; heat, light, and power for the Botanic Garden and the Senate and House Garages; light for the Capitol Grounds' street, park, and floodlighting system; steam heat for the Government Printing Office and Washington City Post Office, also known as Postal Square; and steam heat and air-conditioning for the Union Station complex, Folger Shakespeare Library, the Thurgood Marshall Federal Judiciary Building, and the U.S. Supreme Court Building on a reimbursable basis.

With regard to the reimbursements, the Committee recommends that reimbursements continue at the fiscal year 1997 level of \$4,000,000.

The following table displays the request and the Committee recommendation.

REQUEST VERSUS RECOMMENDATION

Item	Request	Committee recommendation
Personnel compensation and benefits	\$5,037,000	\$4,913,000

REQUEST VERSUS RECOMMENDATION—Continued

Item	Request	Committee recommendation
Utilities and communications	25,759,000	25,759,000
Annual maintenance and supplies	5,080,000	5,080,000
Subtotal	35,876,000	35,752,000
1998 budget projects:		
Cyclical maintenance:		
East plant replacement	1,000,000	1,000,000
Replace dealkalizer resin	85,000	83,000
Distribution system (steam and chilled water)	100,000	100,000
Subtotal, cyclical maintenance	1,185,000	1,183,000
Continuing and initiating other programs:		
Extend chilled water lines to Conservatory and National Garden	550,000	550,000
Update CAD drawings for CPP	60,000	60,000
Optimization of plant operations	100,000	100,000
Subtotal, continuing and initiating other programs	710,000	710,000
Less: Estimated reimbursements	– 4,000,000	– 4,000,000
Total, Capitol Power Plant	33,771,000	33,645,000

LIBRARY OF CONGRESS

CONGRESSIONAL RESEARCH SERVICE

SALARIES AND EXPENSES

Appropriations, 1997	\$62,641,000
Budget estimate, 1998	66,830,000
Committee recommendation	65,134,000

The Committee recommends an appropriation of \$65,134,000 for the Congressional Research Service. The amount recommended is \$2,493,000 above the fiscal year 1997 amount and \$1,696,000 below the request.

In the conference report (H. Rept. 104–733) accompanying the fiscal year 1997 legislative branch appropriation bill (Public Law 104–197), the Congressional Research Service was directed to coordinate, and the Library of Congress was directed to provide technical support for, the development of a legislative information retrieval system to serve the Senate. The Senate has undertaken a major program to rebuild its systems for creating and managing its legislative information. This program, which will take several years to complete, is being carried out by the Secretary of the Senate with the oversight of the Senate Committee on Rules and Administration. The retrieval system being coordinated by CRS and supported by the Library is an integral part of that program. CRS and the Library are, therefore, directed to continue their development of the legislative retrieval system for the Senate in conjunction

with the Senate's efforts to manage its legislative information more efficiently.

GOVERNMENT PRINTING OFFICE

CONGRESSIONAL PRINTING AND BINDING

Appropriations, 1997	\$81,669,000
Budget estimate, 1998	84,025,000
Committee recommendation	82,269,000

The Committee recommends an appropriation of \$82,269,000, which is \$1,756,000 below the request and \$600,000 above the current fiscal year level.

The Committee believes that a management review of the Government Printing Office [GPO] would be beneficial. The General Accounting Office [GAO] is requested to conduct the management review using contract assistance. GPO will provide GAO the necessary funds from the revolving fund to obtain a contractor to perform the management review and will report to the House and Senate Appropriations Committees and the Joint Committee on Printing.

As part of its management review of the GPO, the Committee directs that the GAO place particular emphasis on the sales program and the procedures involved in the management of inventory of publications that have a limited shelf life. Responsibility for this function resides under the jurisdiction of the Office of the Superintendent of Documents. It has come to the Committee's attention that the normal procedure for this program requires that notification be given to authors and publishers of volumes about to be destroyed, thereby giving said authors and publishers the opportunity to acquire copies or to make suggestions as to the distribution of those volumes in order to alleviate their possible destruction. However, in at least one recent instance, the Committee has learned that this notification process was ignored. During a major inventory reduction that occurred in the latter part of fiscal year 1996, the GPO did not follow standard policy to notify either authors or publishers of volumes about to be destroyed. As a result, the Committee was alarmed and greatly dismayed to learn that among the titles destroyed were 3,260 volumes of *The Senate, 1789–1989*.

The GAO is instructed to investigate the circumstances surrounding this instance and any others whereby normal procedures were not followed. The Committee should be provided with a detailed analysis of those instances, as well as GAO's recommendations to ensure that no such failures occur in the future. In addition, the GAO should provide its recommendations for improvements in GPO's inventory management policies to ensure that those policies are as sound and cost effective as possible, while at the same time, do not result in unnecessary destruction of valuable GPO-produced publications. Finally, such recommendations should include whether any changes in the management structure or personnel under that structure should be undertaken to ensure that in the future, without exception, the Public Printer is fully informed and has approved, prior to its implementation, any decision to destroy GPO-produced documents.

No funds provided in the congressional printing and binding fund for fiscal year 1998 may be used to pay for work which was not performed in fiscal year 1998 and billed prior to December 31, 1998.

The Senate Committee on Rules and Administration and House Oversight Committee, per the recommendation of the Secretary of the Senate and the Clerk of the House, have approved the establishment of a data standards program, including standard generalized markup language [SGML] for data interchange of legislative information. The purpose of this program is to ensure that the preparation and exchange of legislative information is made more efficient through the use of data standards. Once published these standards will be used by all legislative branch agencies, including GPO in transmitting and producing information which is utilized in the legislative process. The Secretary of the Senate and Clerk of the House will be responsible for updating and maintaining and publishing the data interchange standards for legislative information.

The following table compares the component categories within this account for fiscal year 1998. The Committee has not recommended separate amounts for each activity in order to give the GPO the flexibility needed to meet changing requirements.

CONGRESSIONAL PRINTING AND BINDING

	Appropriations 1997	Requested 1998	Recommended 1998
Congressional Record program	\$18,918,000	\$21,167,000	.....
Miscellaneous publications	5,564,000	4,644,000	.....
Miscellaneous printing and binding	15,876,000	15,795,000	.....
Details to Congress	2,356,000	2,340,000	.....
Document envelopes and document franks	972,000	1,110,000	.....
Business and committee calendars	1,760,000	2,673,000	.....
Bills, resolutions, and amendments	10,494,000	11,000,000	.....
Committee reports	3,913,000	4,876,000	.....
Documents	1,728,000	1,815,000	.....
Hearings	17,316,000	17,100,000	.....
Committee prints	2,772,000	1,505,000	.....
Total	81,669,000	84,025,000	\$82,269,000

TITLE II—OTHER AGENCIES

BOTANIC GARDEN

SALARIES AND EXPENSES

Appropriations, 1997	\$36,402,000
Budget estimate, 1998	11,662,000
Committee recommendation	3,228,000

The Committee recommends \$3,228,000 for salaries and expenses of the Botanic Garden. This amount is \$33,174,000 below the current year level and \$8,434,000 below the request.

This appropriation reflects reductions taken in light of the 1997 Emergency Supplemental Appropriation Act (Public Law 105–18) signed into law on June 12, 1997, which provided \$33,500,000 for the renovation of the Conservatory. Full funding of this project was provided to address the life safety problems with the Conservatory as well as achieve a cost savings of \$1,500,000.

Funds are provided to the Botanic Garden to collect, cultivate, and grow the various flora of the United States and other countries for exhibition and display to the public and for study material for students, scientists, and garden clubs.

The following table displays the request and the Committee recommendation.

REQUEST VERSUS RECOMMENDATION

Item	Request	Committee recommendation
Personnel compensation and benefits	\$2,804,000	\$2,804,000
Travel, rent, and communications	9,000	9,000
Annual maintenance, repairs, and alterations	201,000	151,000
Supplies, materials, and equipment and land	246,000	246,000
Subtotal	3,260,000	3,210,000
1998 budget projects:		
Cyclical maintenance:		
New requests:		
Renovation to conservatory	8,300,000	.....
Vehicle replacement	28,000	.....
Design for Bartholdi renovations	50,000	.....
Subtotal, cyclical maintenance	8,378,000	.....
Continuing and initiating other programs: New requests: Bartholdi Park irrigation system	24,000	18,000
Total, Botanic Garden	11,662,000	3,228,000

LIBRARY OF CONGRESS
(EXCEPT CONGRESSIONAL RESEARCH SERVICE)
SALARIES AND EXPENSES

Appropriations, 1997:	
Salaries and expenses	\$216,007,000
Authority to spend receipts	(7,869,000)
Net, salaries and expenses	208,138,000
Budget estimate, 1998:	
Salaries and expenses	232,058,000
Authority to spend receipts	(7,869,000)
Net, salaries and expenses	224,189,000
Committee recommendation:	
Salaries and expenses	229,904,000
Authority to spend receipts	(7,869,000)
Net, salaries and expenses	222,035,000

The Committee recommends an appropriation of \$222,035,000 for salaries and expenses of the Library of Congress. The amount recommended is \$13,897,000 over the amount provided for fiscal year 1997 and \$2,154,000 below the budget request.

The Committee has provided \$5,584,000, in no-year funding, for the initial purchase and implementation of an off-the-shelf integrated library system [ILS] that will provide staff and users with access to and control over the Library's collections. It is expected that an integrated library system will result in a long-term reduction in FTE's as well as stronger security over the Library's extensive inventory. In addition to the funds being provided, the Library expects to commit existing staff and automation resources to implement the ILS. The Committee has received testimony from the Library that purchase of a commercially available, integrated library system is proposed in contrast to further development, by Library staff, of the Library's current systems developed in-house. The Committee expects the Library to continue their analysis and review of commercially available ILS systems and prepare a report on the findings, including a timeline plan with milestones for each phase of the project. The Committee directs that a quarterly report be provided to the House and Senate Appropriations Committees on the progress and status of accomplishments against the plan. The Committee directs that none of the \$5,584,000 is to be obligated until receipt and approval of the project plan by the House and Senate Appropriations Committees.

The Committee expects the long overdue, if not already complete, Library security management plan will be finalized and presented to the appropriate committees prior to October 15, 1997. In an effort to establish consistency and uniformity, priority should be given, where possible, to following the purchasing and hiring standards established by the Capitol Police Board.

COPYRIGHT OFFICE

SALARIES AND EXPENSES

Appropriations, 1997:	
Salaries and expenses	\$33,402,000
Authority to spend receipts	(22,269,000)
Net, salaries and expenses	11,133,000
Budget estimate, 1998:	
Salaries and expenses	35,787,000
Authority to spend receipts	(22,507,000)
Net, salaries and expenses	13,280,000
Committee recommendation:	
Salaries and expenses	34,567,000
Authority to spend receipts	(22,426,000)
Net, salaries and expenses	12,141,000

The Committee recommends the direct appropriation of \$34,567,000 for the Copyright Office and approves authority to spend receipts of \$22,426,000 in fiscal year 1998. This is a reduction of \$1,220,000 from the request and \$1,165,000 above the enacted level.

BOOKS FOR THE BLIND AND PHYSICALLY HANDICAPPED

SALARIES AND EXPENSES

Appropriations, 1997	\$44,964,000
Budget estimate, 1998	48,025,000
Committee recommendation	47,870,000

The Committee recommends an appropriation of \$47,870,000 for salaries and expenses for Books for the Blind and Physically Handicapped. The amount is \$2,906,000 above the enacted amount and is \$155,000 below the request. The Committee has provided the total request of \$2,500,000 for the purchase of talking book machines to avoid waiting lines and significant patron dissatisfaction as well as replace an aging inventory.

This appropriation supports a National Reading Program for blind and physically handicapped citizens. Books and magazines in braille and various recorded formats are produced by the National Library Services for the Blind and Physically Handicapped for distribution through a network of State and locally supported libraries. At present, 57 regional libraries in 49 States, the District of Columbia, the Virgin Islands, Puerto Rico, and Guam house and circulate books and magazines to eligible readers. Eighty-four sub-regional libraries in 18 States assist at the local public library level; 53 libraries and 4 cooperating agencies distribute sound reproducers. Two multistate centers, under contract to the National Library Service, store and distribute books and other materials in their geographical regions. The Librarian has estimated a readership of 780,000 individuals in fiscal year 1997.

FURNITURE AND FURNISHINGS

Appropriations, 1997	\$4,882,000
Budget estimate, 1998	4,882,000
Committee recommendation	4,178,000

The Committee recommends an appropriation of \$4,178,000 for Library furniture and furnishings in 1998. The amount is \$704,000 below the request and the enacted level.

ADMINISTRATIVE PROVISIONS

The Committee has included the routine administrative provisions proposed and has included two new provisions: section 207 establishes a revolving fund for the cooperative acquisitions program, and section 208 allows for gift funds to be invested in the same manner as provided for trust funds.

ARCHITECT OF THE CAPITOL

LIBRARY BUILDINGS AND GROUNDS

STRUCTURAL AND MECHANICAL CARE

Appropriations, 1997	\$9,753,000
Budget estimate, 1998	15,755,000
Committee recommendation	14,699,000

The Committee recommends an appropriation of \$14,699,000 for the care and maintenance of the Library buildings and grounds by the Architect of the Capitol. This is a decrease of \$1,056,000 from the request and an increase of \$4,946,000 over the current level.

The Librarian of Congress is requested to prepare and submit to the Senate and House Appropriations Committees a detailed description of any capital improvement projects being requested and included in the Architect of the Capitol's fiscal year 1999 budget request.

The following table shows the request and the Committee recommendation.

REQUEST VERSUS RECOMMENDATION

Item	Request	Committee recommendation
Personnel compensation and benefits	\$7,268,000	\$7,157,000
Annual maintenance, repairs, and alterations	1,323,000	1,323,000
Supplies, materials, equipment and land	759,000	759,000
Subtotal	9,350,000	9,239,000
1998 budget projects:		
Cyclical maintenance:		
Ongoing projects:		
Clean air distribution duct system	100,000	100,000
Elevator modernization, Thomas Jefferson and John Adams Buildings	360,000	360,000
Replace smoke detectors, James Madison Building	100,000	100,000
New requests:		
Replace sprinkler heads, Jefferson and Madison Buildings	100,000	100,000

REQUEST VERSUS RECOMMENDATION—Continued

Item	Request	Committee recommendation
Replace HVAC eliminator plates, Jefferson and Adams Buildings	150,000	150,000
Conservation of Blasfield and other murals, Jefferson Building	45,000	.....
Replace deteriorated piping, Jefferson Building	100,000	.....
Replace sidewalks, Jefferson and Adams Buildings	100,000	.....
Replace convector controls, Madison Building	100,000	100,000
Replace copper on vertical roof walls, Thomas Jefferson Building	1,500,000	1,500,000
Subtotal, cyclical maintenance	2,655,000	2,410,000
Continuing and initiating other programs:		
Ongoing projects: ADA Requirements	200,000	200,000
New requests:		
Indoor security improvements—cages and vaults	50,000	50,000
Preservations environment monitoring	100,000	.....
Design for building security systems upgrades	200,000	200,000
Design for visitors center, Thomas Jefferson Building	200,000	200,000
Compact bookstack safety review, Madison Building	200,000	200,000
Install additional readers, Library of Congress Buildings ..	250,000	250,000
Schematic design for film storage facility, Culpeper	100,000	.....
Design for copyright deposit facility, Fort Meade	500,000	.....
Design for screening/holding facility, Fort Meade	500,000	500,000
Exterior security improvements	600,000	600,000
HVAC improvements northwest curtain, Thomas Jefferson Building	600,000	600,000
Modify exit doors for compliance, Library of Congress	100,000	100,000
Fire alarm upgrade for ADA compliance	150,000	150,000
Subtotal, continuing and initiating other programs	3,750,000	3,050,000
Total, Library buildings and grounds	15,755,000	14,699,000

GOVERNMENT PRINTING OFFICE

OFFICE OF SUPERINTENDENT OF DOCUMENTS

SALARIES AND EXPENSES

Appropriations, 1997	\$29,077,000
Budget estimate, 1998	30,477,000
Committee recommendation	29,077,000

The Committee recommends an appropriation of \$29,077,000, which is the same as the enacted level and \$1,400,000 below the request.

This appropriation provides for salaries and expenses associated with the distribution of Government documents to depository and international exchange libraries, the cataloging and indexing of Government publications, and the distribution of publications authorized by law at the request of Members of Congress and other Government agencies.

REVOLVING FUND

The Committee bill continues the limitations on reception and representation expenses and costs of attendance at meetings. The Committee has included language that authorizes \$1,500,000 may be expended for reimbursement to the General Accounting Office, for a management audit.

GENERAL ACCOUNTING OFFICE

SALARIES AND EXPENSES

Appropriations, 1997	\$338,425,000
Budget estimate, 1998	368,828,000
Committee recommendation	354,155,000

The Committee recommends funding of \$354,155,000 for salaries and expenses of the General Accounting Office, which will support an FTE level of 3,500 FTE's. Additionally, \$7,404,000 is authorized in offsetting collections derived from rent receipts and reimbursements for conducting financial audits of Government corporations. The direct appropriation is a reduction of \$14,673,000 from the budget request and an increase of \$15,730,000 over the fiscal year 1997 level.

GAO has successfully managed a funding reduction of 25 percent over the past 2 years. To accomplish this, over 500 employees were involuntarily separated, a hiring freeze, imposed in fiscal year 1992, was kept in place, promotions were stopped, cash awards and recognition were discontinued, and technological improvements were delayed. GAO worked closely with this Committee to implement a 2-year plan designed to achieve significant reductions while maintaining its productivity and its ability to respond to congressional needs. The Committee believes that further reductions at this time would seriously impair the agency's effectiveness and would not be achievable without significantly altering GAO's basic mission.

Therefore, the Committee is recommending a 4.6-percent increase (\$15,730,000) to cover uncontrollable salary and benefit increases, permit GAO to stabilize its operations at its fiscal year 1997 authorized staffing level, and upgrade some of its technology in support of its audit and evaluation work.

The Committee requests that GAO conduct an internal review and report to the Appropriations Committee as to whether there will be excess space available in the agency's building which could be leased, and whether such a lease should be entered into prior to completion of the renovations with rent receipts being utilized to pay for remaining asbestos removal and building restoration.

The Committee is concerned that GAO may have given priority to audits initiated under its own authority over those requested by committees and Members of Congress. The Committee directs that work for congressional committees and Members be given high priority consistent with the mission of the agency established in the enabling legislation.

TITLE III—GENERAL PROVISIONS

In addition to several routine general provisions carried annually in the bill (secs. 301–306), the Committee proposes additional general provisions (secs. 307–309), as follows:

Section 301 bans the use of appropriated funds for service and maintenance of private vehicles, except under such regulations as may be promulgated by the House Oversight Committee and the Senate Rules and Administration Committee respectively.

Section 302 limits the availability for obligation of appropriation to the fiscal year for which it is expressly provided in the bill accompanying this report.

Section 303 provides that any pay rate and title designation for staff position created in this act, and not specifically established by the Legislative Pay Act of 1929, is to be made permanent law by this act. Further, any pay rate and title change for a position provided for in the 1929 act is to be made permanent law by this act and any changes in the official expenses of Members, officers, and committees, and in the clerk hire of the House and Senate are to be made permanent law by this act.

Section 304 bans the use of funds for contracts unless such contracts are matters of public record and are available for public inspection.

Section 305 appropriates such sums as may be necessary for the payment of settlements and awards pursuant to Public Law 104–1.

Section 306 amends section 316 of Public Law 101–302 to extend for 1 year the availability of funds for the Senate art collection.

Section 307 provides the Public Printer with the authority given to all heads of agencies in section 155 of the Energy Policy Act of 1992 regarding contracting with energy services companies. GPO estimates that this provision has a potential annual savings of \$502,000. Savings would be used to fund necessary upgrades to utilities.

Section 308 is designed to ensure that Members of Congress, their families, and staff may retain their legal status as residents and domiciles of the States which they represent, notwithstanding their temporary residence in the District or its suburbs when the Congress is in session.

Section 309 provides permanent authority for the payment of severance pay to employees of the U.S. Senate restaurants of the Office of the Architect of the Capitol, and in order to avoid or minimize the need for involuntary separations due to reduction in force, transfer of functions, reorganization, or other similar action affecting the U.S. Senate restaurants of the Office of the Architect of the Capitol, and to minimize the impact of any necessary involuntary separations on employees and on the agency, to provide temporary

authority to the Architect of the Capitol to establish a program for the payment of retirement and separation incentives.

COMPLIANCE WITH PARAGRAPH 7, RULE XVI, OF THE STANDING RULES OF THE SENATE

Paragraph 7 of rule XVI requires that Committee reports on general appropriations bills identify, with particularity, each Committee amendment to the House bill “which proposes an item of appropriation which is not made to carry out the provisions of an existing law, a treaty stipulation, or an act or resolution previously passed by the Senate during that session.”

The Committee has proposed no amendments which fall under this rule.

COMPLIANCE WITH PARAGRAPH 7(C), RULE XXVI OF THE STANDING RULES OF THE SENATE

Pursuant to paragraph 7(c) of rule XXVI, the Committee ordered reported en bloc S. 1019, an original Legislative Branch appropriations bill and an original Treasury, General Government appropriations bill, 1998, subject to amendment and subject to their budget allocations, and an original Commerce-Justice-State appropriations bill, subject to amendment and subject to appropriate scoring, by a recorded vote of 28–0, a quorum being present. The vote was as follows:

Yeas	Nays
Chairman Stevens	
Mr. Cochran	
Mr. Specter	
Mr. Domenici	
Mr. Bond	
Mr. Gorton	
Mr. McConnell	
Mr. Burns	
Mr. Shelby	
Mr. Gregg	
Mr. Bennett	
Mr. Campbell	
Mr. Craig	
Mr. Faircloth	
Mrs. Hutchison	
Mr. Byrd	
Mr. Inouye	
Mr. Hollings	
Mr. Leahy	
Mr. Bumpers	
Mr. Lautenberg	
Mr. Harkin	
Ms. Mikulski	
Mr. Reid	
Mr. Kohl	
Mrs. Murray	
Mr. Dorgan	
Mrs. Boxer	

COMPLIANCE WITH PARAGRAPH 12, RULE XXVI, OF THE
STANDING RULES OF THE SENATE

Paragraph 12 of rule XXVI requires that Committee reports on a bill or joint resolution repealing or amending any statute or part of any statute include “(a) the text of the statute or part thereof which is proposed to be repealed; and (b) a comparative print of that part of the bill or joint resolution making the amendment and of the statute or part thereof proposed to be amended, showing by stricken-through type and italics, parallel columns, or other appropriate typographical devices the omissions and insertions which would be made by the bill or joint resolution if enacted in the form recommended by the committee.”

In compliance with this rule, the following changes in existing law proposed to be made by the bill are shown as follows: existing law to be omitted is enclosed in black brackets; new matter is printed in italic; and existing law in which no change is proposed is shown in roman.

TITLE 2—THE CONGRESS

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**CHAPTER 3—COMPENSATION AND ALLOWANCES OF
MEMBERS**

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**§ 46a-1. Senate revolving fund for stationery allowances;
availability of unexpended balances; withdrawals**

* * * *“Disbursements from the fund shall be made upon vouchers approved by the Secretary of the Senate, or his designee.”*

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**§ 58. Mail, telegraph, telephone, stationery, office supplies,
and home State office and travel expenses for Sen-
ators**

(a) * * *

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(b) Limits for authorized expenses; recalculation formula

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[(iii) subject to subparagraph (B), in case the Senator represents Alabama, \$68,000, Alaska, \$176,000, Arizona, \$81,000, Arkansas, \$70,000, California, \$122,000, Colorado, \$76,000, Connecticut, \$57,000, Delaware, \$47,000, Florida, \$72,000, Georgia, \$68,000, Hawaii, \$200,000, Idaho, \$80,000, Illinois,

\$91,000, Indiana, \$68,000, Iowa, \$71,000, Kansas, \$71,000, Kentucky, \$67,000, Louisiana, \$72,000, Maine, \$62,000, Maryland, \$52,000, Massachusetts, \$66,000, Michigan, \$76,000, Minnesota, \$72,000, Mississippi, \$70,000, Missouri, \$73,000, Montana, \$80,000, Nebraska, \$72,000, Nevada, \$82,000, New Hampshire, \$58,000, New Jersey, \$62,000, New Mexico, \$77,000, New York, \$98,000, North Carolina, \$64,000, North Dakota, \$71,000, Ohio, \$82,000, Oklahoma, \$75,000, Oregon, \$85,000, Pennsylvania, \$81,000, Rhode Island, \$56,000, South Carolina, \$62,000, South Dakota, \$72,000, Tennessee, \$68,000, Texas, \$102,000, Utah, \$80,000, Vermont, \$57,000, Virginia, \$58,000, Washington, \$88,000, West Virginia, \$57,000, Wisconsin, \$71,000, Wyoming, \$75,000, plus】

“(iii) subject to subparagraph (B), in case the Senator represents Alabama, \$182,567, Alaska, \$251,901, Arizona, \$197,079, Arkansas, \$168,282, California, \$468,724, Colorado, \$186,350, Connecticut, \$160,903, Delaware, \$127,198, Florida, \$299,746, Georgia, \$210,214, Hawaii, \$279,512, Idaho, \$163,335, Illinois, \$266,248, Indiana, \$194,770, Iowa, \$170,565, Kansas, \$168,177, Kentucky, \$177,338, Louisiana, \$185,647, Maine, \$147,746, Maryland, \$173,020, Massachusetts, \$195,799, Michigan, \$236,459, Minnesota, \$187,702, Mississippi, \$168,103, Missouri, \$197,941, Montana, \$161,725, Nebraska, \$160,361, Nevada, \$171,096, New Hampshire, \$142,394, New Jersey, \$206,260, New Mexico, \$166,140, New York, \$327,955, North Carolina, \$210,946, North Dakota, \$149,824, Ohio, \$259,452, Oklahoma, \$181,761, Oregon, \$189,345, Pennsylvania, \$266,148, Rhode Island, \$138,582, South Carolina, \$170,451, South Dakota, \$151,450, Tennessee, \$191,954, Texas, \$348,681, Utah, \$168,632, Vermont, \$135,925, Virginia, \$193,467, Washington, \$214,694, West Virginia, \$147,772, Wisconsin, \$191,569, Wyoming, \$152,438, plus”.

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§ 58c. Senators’ Official Personnel and Office Expense Account

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“(6) Effective on and after October 1, 1997, the Senators’ Account shall be used for the payment of franked mail expenses of Senators.”.

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CHAPTER 5—LIBRARY OF CONGRESS

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§ 160. Disbursement of gifts, etc., to Library

Nothing in sections 154 to 162 and 163 of this title shall be construed as prohibiting or restricting the Librarian of Congress from accepting in the name of the United States gifts or bequests of money for immediate disbursement in the interest of the Library,

its collections, or its service. Such gifts or bequests, after acceptance by the librarian, shall be paid by the donor or his representative to the Treasurer of the United States, whose receipts shall be their acquittance. The Treasurer of the United States shall enter them in a special account to the credit of the Library of Congress and subject to disbursement by the librarian for the purposes in each case specified.

“Upon agreement by the Librarian of Congress and the board, a gift or bequest accepted by the Librarian under the first paragraph of this section may be invested or reinvested in the same manner as provided for trust funds under the second paragraph of section 2.”

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TITLE 4—FLAG AND SEAL, SEAT OF GOVERNMENT, AND THE STATES

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CHAPTER 4—THE STATES

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§ 113. Residence of Members of Congress [for State income tax laws]

(a) * * *

[(b) For purposes of this section—

“(1) the term ‘Member of Congress’ includes the delegates from the District of Columbia, Guam, and the Virgin Islands, and the Resident Commissioner from Puerto Rico;

“(2) the term ‘State’ includes the District of Columbia; and

“(3) the term ‘personal property tax’ means any tax imposed on an annual basis and levied on, with respect to, or measured by, the market value or assessed value of an item of personal property.]

“(b) Notwithstanding any other provision of law, a Member of Congress and the Member’s spouse, dependents, and staff shall be treated as permanent residents and domiciliaries of the State or district which the Member represents, notwithstanding that the Member and the Member’s spouse, dependents, and staff may be absent from, or may maintain a place of abode outside of, such State. A Member of Congress and the Member’s spouse, dependents, and staff shall be entitled to the same rights, privileges, immunities, and benefits and shall be subject to the same responsibilities, taxation, and liabilities as other residents and domiciliaries who physically reside in such State, including maintaining a State driver’s license, registering vehicles in such State (without regard to whether such vehicle is physically located in such State), registering to vote in such State, and qualifying for benefits, loans, or other programs that such State may make available to other residents and domiciliaries who physically reside in such State.

“(c) For the purposes of this section—

“(1) the term ‘Member of Congress’ includes the delegates from the District of Columbia, Guam, and the Virgin Islands, and the Resident Commissioner from Puerto Rico;

“(2) the term ‘State’ includes the District of Columbia; and

“(3) the term ‘dependents’ includes any person—
 “(A) who derives his or her support from a Member of Congress; and

“(B)(i) is a child of such Member who is age 23 or younger; or

“(ii) is a ward of such Member; and

“(4) the term ‘staff’ means any person who—

“(A) is in the employ of the Member of Congress for the purpose of assisting the Member in the performance of official duties; and

“(B) was resident and domiciliary of the State or district which the Member represents when such person entered the employ of the Member.

“(d) This section shall not apply to any spouse, dependent, or staff of a Member of Congress who claims residency or a domicile in a State other than the State which the Member represents or in which the Member’s district is located.”.

(b) The chapter analysis for chapter 4 of title 4, United States Code, is amended in the item for section 113 by striking “or State income tax laws”.

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TITLE 5—GOVERNMENT ORGANIZATION AND EMPLOYEES

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PART III—EMPLOYEES

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Subpart D—Pay and Allowances

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CHAPTER 55—PAY ADMINISTRATION

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SUBCHAPTER IX—SEVERANCE PAY AND BACK PAY

§ 5595. Severance pay

(a) For the purpose of this section—

(1) “agency” means—

(A) an Executive agency;

(B) the Library of Congress;

(C) the Government Printing Office;

(D) the government of the District of Columbia; [and]

(E) the Administrative Office of the United States Courts, the Federal Judicial Center, and the courts named by section 610 of title 28; and

“(F) the Office of the Architect of the Capitol, but only with respect to the United States Senate Restaurants; and”;

(2) “employee” means—

(A) * * *

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(i) * * *

(vii) an employee of the Tennessee Valley Authority;
[or]*“(viii) an employee of the United States Senate Restaurants of the Office of the Architect of the Capitol, who is employed on a temporary when actually employed basis; or”*

[(viii)] (ix) such other employee as may be excluded by regulations of the President or such other officer or agency as he may designate.

(b) * * *

(1) * * *

(2) * * *

“The Architect of the Capitol may prescribe regulations to effect the application and operation of this section to the agency specified in subsection (a)(1)(F) of this section.”

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DIRE EMERGENCY SUPPLEMENTAL APPROPRIATIONS ACT OF 1990,
PUBLIC LAW 101–302

SEC. 316. (a) Effective with the fiscal year ending September 30, [1997] 1998 and each fiscal year thereafter, subject to the approval of the Committee * * *

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LEGISLATIVE BRANCH APPROPRIATIONS ACT, 1991 (PUBLIC LAW
101–520)

TITLE I—CONGRESSIONAL OPERATIONS

SENATE

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ADMINISTRATIVE PROVISIONS

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【SEC. 12. Each Member of the Senate may, subject to the approval of the Committee on Appropriations of the Senate and the Committee on Rules and Administration of the Senate, during the fiscal year ending September 30, 1991, and each fiscal year thereafter, at his or her election, transfer a sum not to exceed the lesser of \$100,000 or 50 percent of the amount allocated to such Member for mass mail by the Senate Committee on Rules and Administration from the Senate Official Mail Costs account, within the contingent fund of the Senate, to the Senator’s Official Personnel and Office Expense Account, within the contingent fund of the Senate. Any transfer of funds under authority of the preceding sentence shall be made at such time or times as such Member shall specify in writing to the Financial Clerk of the Senate. Any funds so transferred by the Member shall be available for the expenditure by such member in a like manner and for the same purposes as are other moneys which are available for expenditure by such Member from the Senators’ Official Personnel and Office Expense Account.】

BUDGETARY IMPACT OF BILL

PREPARED IN CONSULTATION WITH THE CONGRESSIONAL BUDGET OFFICE PURSUANT TO SEC.
308(a), PUBLIC LAW 93-344, AS AMENDED

[In millions of dollars]

	Budget authority		Outlays	
	Committee allocation	Amount of bill	Committee allocation	Amount of bill
Comparison of amounts in the bill with Committee allocations to its subcommittees of amounts in the First Concurrent Resolution for 1998: Subcommittee on Legislative Branch:				
Nondefense discretionary	2,347	1,539	2,337	¹ 1,566
Mandatory	92	92	92	92
Projections of outlays associated with the recommendation:				
1998				² 1,338
1999				155
2000				23
2001				7
2002 and future year				3
Financial assistance to State and local governments for 1998 in bill	NA		NA	

¹Includes outlays from prior-year budget authority.

²Excludes outlays from prior-year budget authority.

NA: Not applicable.

COMPARATIVE STATEMENT OF NEW BUDGET (OBLIGATIONAL) AUTHORITY FOR FISCAL YEAR 1997 AND BUDGET ESTIMATES AND AMOUNTS RECOMMENDED IN THE BILL
FOR FISCAL YEAR 1998

Item	1997 appropriation	Budget estimate	Committee recommendation	Senate Committee recommendation compared with (+ or —)	
				1997 appropriation	Budget estimate
TITLE I—CONGRESSIONAL OPERATIONS					
SENATE					
Expense Allowances					
Expense allowances:					
Vice President	\$10,000	\$10,000	\$10,000		
President Pro Tempore of the Senate	10,000	10,000	10,000		
Majority Leader of the Senate	10,000	10,000	10,000		
Minority Leader of the Senate	10,000	10,000	10,000		
Majority Whip of the Senate	5,000	5,000	5,000		
Minority Whip of the Senate	5,000	5,000	5,000		
Chairman of the Majority Conference Committee	3,000	3,000	3,000		
Chairman of the Minority Conference Committee	3,000	3,000	3,000		
Subtotal, expense allowances	56,000	56,000	56,000		
Representation allowances for the Majority and Minority Leaders	30,000	30,000	30,000		
Total, Expense allowances and representation	86,000	86,000	86,000		
Salaries, Officers and Employees					
Office of the Vice President	1,513,000	1,612,000	1,612,000	+ \$99,000	
Office of the President Pro Tempore	325,000	371,000	371,000	+ 46,000	
Offices of the Majority and Minority Leaders	2,195,000	2,388,000	2,388,000	+ 193,000	
Offices of the Majority and Minority Whips	1,156,000	1,221,000	1,221,000	+ 65,000	
Conference committees	1,992,000	2,122,000	2,122,000	+ 130,000	
Offices of the Secretaries of the Conference of the Majority and the Conference of the Minority	384,000	409,000	409,000	+ 25,000	

Policy Committees	1,930,000	2,155,000	2,155,000	+ 225,000	.....
Office of the Chaplain	234,000	265,000	260,000	+ 26,000	— \$5,000
Office of the Secretary	12,714,000	13,431,000	13,306,000	+ 592,000	— 125,000
Office of the Sergeant at Arms and Doorkeeper	34,037,000	35,126,000	33,037,000	— 1,000,000	— 2,089,000
Offices of the Secretaries for the Majority and Minority	1,135,000	1,215,000	1,165,000	+ 30,000	— 50,000
Agency contributions and related expenses	17,000,000	19,208,000	19,208,000	+ 2,208,000	.....
Total, salaries, officers and employees	74,615,000	79,523,000	77,254,000	+ 2,639,000	— 2,269,000
Office of the Legislative Counsel of the Senate					
Salaries and expenses	3,447,000	3,635,000	3,605,000	+ 158,000	— 30,000
Office of Senate Legal Counsel					
Salaries and expenses	936,000	966,000	966,000	+ 30,000	.....
Expense Allowances of the Secretary of the Senate, Sergeant at Arms and Doorkeeper of the Senate, and Secretaries for the Majority and Minority of the Senate					
Expenses allowances	12,000	12,000	12,000	.....	.....
Contingent Expenses of the Senate					
Inquiries and investigations	69,561,000	75,300,000	75,600,000	+ 6,039,000	+ 300,000
Expenses of United States Senate Caucus on International Narcotics Control	305,000	.....	370,000	+ 65,000	+ 370,000
Secretary of the Senate	1,511,000	1,511,000	1,511,000	.....	.....
Sergeant at Arms and Doorkeeper of the Senate	65,931,000	78,163,000	64,400,000	— 1,531,000	— 13,763,000
Miscellaneous items	6,791,000	7,905,000	7,905,000	+ 1,114,000	.....
Senators' Official Personnel and Office Expense Account	208,000,000	231,736,000	228,600,000	+ 20,600,000	— 3,136,000
Stationery (revolving fund)	13,000	13,000	13,000	.....	.....
Official Mail Costs					
Expenses	10,000,000	9,000,000	300,000	— 9,700,000	— 8,700,000
Total, contingent expenses of the Senate	362,112,000	403,628,000	378,699,000	+ 16,587,000	— 24,929,000
Total, Senate	441,208,000	487,850,000	460,622,000	+ 19,414,000	— 27,228,000
JOINT ITEMS					
Joint Committee on Inaugural Ceremonies of 1997	950,000	.....	.....	— 950,000	.....

COMPARATIVE STATEMENT OF NEW BUDGET (OBLIGATIONAL) AUTHORITY FOR FISCAL YEAR 1997 AND BUDGET ESTIMATES AND AMOUNTS RECOMMENDED IN THE BILL
FOR FISCAL YEAR 1998—Continued

Item	1997 appropriation	Budget estimate	Committee recommendation	Senate Committee recommendation compared with (+ or -)	
				1997 appropriation	Budget estimate
Joint Economic Committee	2,750,000	2,750,000	2,750,000	.....	.....
Joint Committee on Printing	777,000	807,000	807,000	+ 30,000	.....
Joint Committee on Taxation	5,470,000	6,126,000	5,724,000	+ 254,000	- 402,000
Office of the Attending Physician					
Medical supplies, equipment, expenses, and allowances	1,225,000	1,266,000	1,266,000	+ 41,000	.....
Capitol Police Board					
Capitol Police					
Salaries:					
Sergeant at Arms of the House of Representatives	33,437,000	35,507,000	35,507,000	+ 2,070,000	.....
Sergeant at Arms and Doorkeeper of the Senate	35,919,000	38,428,000	38,428,000	+ 2,509,000	.....
Subtotal, salaries	69,356,000	73,935,000	73,935,000	+ 4,579,000	.....
General expenses ¹	6,032,000	5,401,000	5,401,000	- 631,000	.....
Subtotal, Capitol Police	75,388,000	79,336,000	79,336,000	+ 3,948,000	.....
Capitol Guide Service and Special Services Office	1,991,000	1,991,000	1,991,000	.....	.....
Statements of Appropriations	30,000	30,000	30,000	.....	.....
Total, joint items	88,581,000	92,306,000	91,904,000	+ 3,323,000	- 402,000
OFFICE OF COMPLIANCE					
Salaries and expenses	2,609,000	2,600,000	2,600,000	- 9,000	.....
CONGRESSIONAL BUDGET OFFICE					
Salaries and expenses	24,532,000	24,995,000	24,995,000	+ 463,000	.....

ARCHITECT OF THE CAPITOL				
Office of the Architect of the Capitol				
Salaries	8,454,000	.....	.....	.....
Travel (limitation on official travel expenses)	(20,000)	.....	.....	.....
Contingent expenses	100,000	.....	.....	.....
Subtotal, Office of the Architect of the Capitol	8,554,000	.....	.....	.....
Capitol Buildings and Grounds				
Capitol buildings, salaries and expenses ²	23,505,000	42,064,000	39,554,000	-2,510,000
Capitol grounds	5,020,000	6,618,000	6,203,000	-415,000
Senate office buildings ³	40,290,000	52,021,000	50,922,000	-1,099,000
Capitol Power Plant	34,749,000	37,771,000	37,645,000	-126,000
Offsetting collections	-4,000,000	-4,000,000	-4,000,000	.....
Net subtotal, Capitol Power Plant	30,749,000	33,771,000	33,645,000	-126,000
Subtotal, Capitol buildings and grounds	99,564,000	134,474,000	130,324,000	-4,150,000
Total, Architect of the Capitol	108,118,000	134,474,000	130,324,000	-4,150,000
LIBRARY OF CONGRESS				
Congressional Research Service				
Salaries and expenses	62,641,000	66,830,000	65,134,000	-1,696,000
GOVERNMENT PRINTING OFFICE				
Congressional printing and binding	81,669,000	84,025,000	82,269,000	-1,756,000
Total, title I, Congressional Operations	809,358,000	893,080,000	857,848,000	-35,232,000
TITLE II—OTHER AGENCIES				
BOTANIC GARDEN				
Salaries and expenses ⁴	36,402,000	11,662,000	3,228,000	-8,434,000

COMPARATIVE STATEMENT OF NEW BUDGET (OBLIGATIONAL) AUTHORITY FOR FISCAL YEAR 1997 AND BUDGET ESTIMATES AND AMOUNTS RECOMMENDED IN THE BILL
FOR FISCAL YEAR 1998—Continued

Item	1997 appropriation	Budget estimate	Committee recommendation	Senate Committee recommendation compared with (+ or -)	
				1997 appropriation	Budget estimate
LIBRARY OF CONGRESS					
Salaries and expenses	216,007,000	232,058,000	229,904,000	+ 13,897,000	- 2,154,000
Authority to spend receipts	- 7,869,000	- 7,869,000	- 7,869,000	.....	.....
Net subtotal, Salaries and expenses	208,138,000	224,189,000	222,035,000	+ 13,897,000	- 2,154,000
Copyright Office, salaries and expenses	33,402,000	35,787,000	34,567,000	+ 1,165,000	- 1,220,000
Authority to spend receipts	- 22,269,000	- 22,507,000	- 22,426,000	- 157,000	+ 81,000
Net subtotal, Copyright Office	11,133,000	13,280,000	12,141,000	+ 1,008,000	- 1,139,000
Books for the blind and physically handicapped, salaries and expenses	44,964,000	48,025,000	47,870,000	+ 2,906,000	- 155,000
Furniture and furnishings	4,882,000	4,882,000	4,178,000	- 704,000	- 704,000
Total, Library of Congress (except CRS)	269,117,000	290,376,000	286,224,000	+ 17,107,000	- 4,152,000
ARCHITECT OF THE CAPITOL					
Library Buildings and Grounds					
Structural and mechanical care	9,753,000	15,755,000	14,699,000	+ 4,946,000	- 1,056,000
GOVERNMENT PRINTING OFFICE					
Office of Superintendent of Documents					
Salaries and expenses	29,077,000	30,477,000	29,077,000	.....	- 1,400,000
GENERAL ACCOUNTING OFFICE					
Salaries and expenses	338,425,000	368,828,000	354,155,000	+ 15,730,000	- 14,673,000
Offsetting collections	- 5,905,000	- 7,404,000	- 7,404,000	- 1,499,000	.....

Total, General Accounting Office	332,520,000	361,424,000	346,751,000	+ 14,231,000	— 14,673,000
Total, title II, Other agencies	676,869,000	709,694,000	679,979,000	+ 3,110,000	— 29,715,000
Grand total	1,486,227,000	1,602,774,000	1,537,827,000	+ 64,947,000	— 51,600,000
TITLE I—CONGRESSIONAL OPERATIONS					
Senate	441,208,000	487,850,000	460,622,000	+ 19,414,000	— 27,228,000
Joint Items	88,581,000	92,306,000	91,904,000	+ 3,323,000	— 402,000
Office of Compliance	2,609,000	2,600,000	2,600,000	— 9,000	.....
Congressional Budget Office	24,532,000	24,995,000	24,995,000	+ 463,000	.....
Architect of the Capitol	108,118,000	134,474,000	130,324,000	+ 22,206,000	— 4,150,000
Library of Congress: Congressional Research Service	62,641,000	66,830,000	65,134,000	+ 2,493,000	— 1,696,000
Congressional printing and binding, Government Printing Office	81,669,000	84,025,000	82,269,000	+ 600,000	— 1,756,000
Total, title I, Congressional operations	809,358,000	893,080,000	857,848,000	+ 48,490,000	— 35,232,000
TITLE II—OTHER AGENCIES					
Botanic Garden	36,402,000	11,662,000	3,228,000	— 33,174,000	— 8,434,000
Library of Congress (except CRS)	269,117,000	290,376,000	286,224,000	+ 17,107,000	— 4,152,000
Architect of the Capitol (Library buildings and grounds)	9,753,000	15,755,000	14,699,000	+ 4,946,000	— 1,056,000
Government Printing Office (except congressional printing and binding)	29,077,000	30,477,000	29,077,000	.....	— 1,400,000
General Accounting Office	332,520,000	361,424,000	346,751,000	+ 14,231,000	— 14,673,000
Total, title II, Other agencies	676,869,000	709,694,000	679,979,000	+ 3,110,000	— 29,715,000
Grand total	1,486,227,000	1,602,774,000	1,537,827,000	+ 51,600,000	— 64,947,000

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² Fiscal year 1997 enacted includes \$250,000 provided in Public Law 104-208.

³ Fiscal year 1997 enacted includes \$650,000 provided in Public Law 104-208.

⁴ Fiscal year 1997 enacted includes \$33,500,000 provided in Public Law 105-18.